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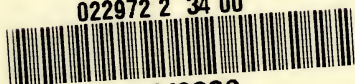
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ELDERS & DIACONATE & BOARD MEMBER'S CHURCH LEADERS WORKSHOP SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1995 8:30 - 11:30 A.M. (AT THE CHURCH) "TOOLS FOR THE NEW YEAR"

We hope all of our church leaders will attend a church LEADERS workshop this Saturday, Jan. 7 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the church.

The Rev. Diane Zehr will lead us in a morning of developing our communication and conflict resolution skills.

This is going to be an exciting year with a number of changes that will hopefully move the church towards growth and vitality.

With growth comes changes, and with changes comes clarification and clear lines of understanding! We hope you will be here this Saturday!



We are asking the other members of our congregation to take a moment Saturday morning and pray for our leaders that they will be touched by the Holy Spirits' wisdom and power during the workshop.



Leadership Training

From Here to Zehr————→

Happy New Year! Yes, I made a resolution this New Year's Day! I have sworn off Dunkin Donuts - I know their profits will drop without my business, but I'm really going to try.

I hear people were making bets during coffee time as to how long I would hold to my resolution - for the record, it is January 2 and I have held to my resolution so far - sorry Estel Vandergriff!

Yes, I might eventually eat a donut or

A word of Thanks



The principal and I would like to thank all the reading buddies and pen pals who are helping students at Lindley Elementary School. The students and staff have noticed a big improvement in their attitude and reading abilities, and they wanted us to pass this information on to the FCC volunteers. Thanks for sharing your time and talents. We'll see you all the week of Jan. 9.

—Alicia Rodriguez-Bower,
Principal
Barb Hayes, Case Manager

Thank you so much to the Sarah Circle for their Christmas gift to me this year.

—Jo Weyer

two but one must have hope that one can change! So, if you thought of trying to form a healthier habit, go for it! Yes, you might fail but why not at least try!

Some great philosopher (my father) always said, "You never judge a person by how many times they fail, but by how many times they pick themselves back up and try again! Good luck - I'm going to go have a banana!!

Peace,
Jerry

P.S. I hope one of your resolutions will be to be in church every Sunday you are in town — let's start this Sunday.

JOYS & Concerns

Our sympathy is with Marge Thomas, whose mother died.

Congratulations to Lauren Ruth Krull who was dedicated on Sunday, Dec. 25.

Warren Smart is in Lutheran Hospital and Dorothy Green is at St. Joe.

"New Beginnings" Sunday School Class to start



Have you thought this New Year you would like to find something to deepen your spiritual life?

There is a new group that has been formed just for you!

On Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., the Rev. Jerry Zehr will be

More Christmas greetings recieved in church office

More persons have sent Christmas card greetings into the church office for the congregation to read:

Laurie & Scott Berry, Ruby Mowery, Andy Cook, Dick & Katie Kilgore, Tom & Laura York, Helen Lobdell, and Larry, Sue, Melissa & Sara Brey.

Additionally, the following sent in greetings: Fern Kenline, Margaret & Bill Love, Jack & Janet Weicker, Leo & Donna Heimann and Dustin & Megan McEvoy.

Poinsettia given in memory

A Poinsettia was given in memory of Art & Florence Huddleston.

teaching a new class called, "New Beginnings!"

This is a class for adults who have not been in a Sunday School class but want to get started developing a stronger faith.

Pittsburgh site of biennial family reunion Oct. 20-24

Plan now to be in Pittsburgh, Oct. 20-24, 1995. Join Disciples from across North America at this biennial Disciples family reunion.

At Pittsburgh we will have the opportunity to worship together with inspirational speakers and music.

We will work together to build a community center, church building and playground for a Disciples congregation along with five homes in the same neighborhood.

Pittsburgh is at the center of where the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was born. Even as we return to our roots, we will consider our mission imperatives and look to the future.

Registration is \$70 which includes a hot-off-the-press copy of the new *Chalice Hymnal*.

Congregations will receive the first of two packets of materials in early March. Previous registrants will also receive materials.

SERVING JANUARY 8**ELDERS**

8:15 a.m. Mildred Hartman & Charles Ludwig

10:45 a.m. Sue Oden & Don Oden

DIACONATE & GREETERS8:15 a.m. N. Knappenberger, B. Lindsay,
J. Lindsay, J. Young10:45 a.m. J. Bushey, K. Bushey, L. Brey,
S. Brey, B. Glasgow, J. Davis, B. Prechtl,
M. Prechtl**USHERS**

8:15 a.m. J. Ott,

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew,

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Team I - M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

Team II - Charles & Jean McGrew

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Marlo Quick

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Vandergriff's

ACOLYTES

Jennifer Medlin & Jeffrey Bushey

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

CHURCH CALENDAR**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**

8:30 a.m. Church Leader Workshop

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

6:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00 p.m. Life Group for Men

7:00 p.m. Teacher's Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

11:30 a.m. Rebecca Circle

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

6:00 p.m. Carillon

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

10:00 a.m. Fireside Meeting

Birthdays - January 1-13

Linda Hayes(2), Carole Davis(2), Ken
Nunn(2), Florence Farr(3), Fran Beckwith(3),
Velma Hechler(4), Ardith Wrisk(4), Tameka
Anderson(5), Tracy Critell(5), Eva
Rousseau(6), Suzanne Murray(6), Sara
Mullen(6), Ken Taylor(7), Myrtle
DeVinney(10), Scott Murray(10), Cortney
Lyons(11), Deb Lehman(12), Bev Kerr(13),
Jeff Murray(13)

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Fireside Conversations -- Renovation Possibilities?

We would like your attendance at one of the adjacent meetings.

The Board of Trustees has approved presenting a capital campaign recommendation to the congregation for their consideration.

In these Fireside meetings, we will discuss the needs of improvement the study task force found and get your feedback on how we might take care of these needs.

We hope all friends and members of the church will try to come to one of these informational meetings.

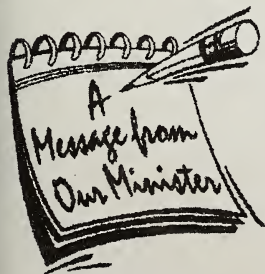
Fireside Meeting Times

Saturday, Jan. 14.
10 to 11 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 15
6 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 19
10 to 11 a.m.

"New Beginnings" Sunday School Class to start



A new Sunday School class will start this Sunday, Jan. 15 by the Rev. Jerry Zehr.

This is a class designed especially for those adults who have not been in a Sunday School class and want to share

the New Year off getting their faith deepened.

The class will have input on spiritual topics we will cover.

This class will meet in the library on Sundays from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

From Here to Zehr —————>



**Martin
Luther
King, Jr.
remembered**

"We share the Dream!"

This Sunday, Jan. 15 is Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday.

There have been good men and women in every generation but sometimes there comes a prophet into our midst that speaks the truth that is difficult for us to hear.

The people who shout the loudest that we should not recognize this leader are maybe the ones who need to try to

understand what he has said to us.

Dr. King's birthday is not just to recognize one man's birthday but to recognize his courageous dream for racial unity that we as Christians should embrace.

Do you have any prejudices?

How can a person move beyond those stereotypes? — Questions to ask ourselves....

Peace,
Jerry

Choirs to have party

The Chancel Choir and Carillon Bell Choir and any interested parties, will be going out to dinner on Friday, Jan. 27 to Triangle Park at 6:30 p.m.

After dinner we will go to Chuck and Lauren Ewing's home where we will exchange "White Elephant" gifts and have snacks. Please bring your favorite snack and your "White Elephant" gift.

Call Erma Vanderwall for reservations at 484-7878.

**Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday,
the church office will be closed Monday,
and Tidings will not be published.**



Youth Calendar

- ⇒ **Jan. 15** — We will meet at First Christian Church @ 6:30 p.m. to go to Plymouth Congregational Church to attend the Martin Luther King Jr. Services. Hopefully, we will be back by 8:30 p.m.
- ⇒ **Jan. 22** — Regular meeting at 6 p.m.
- ⇒ **Jan. 28** — Saturday morning we will leave First Christian Church at 8:30 a.m. to go to Camp Barbee for a Winter Retreat. We will return Sunday by 12:30 p.m. Watch *Tidings* for further details.



Take special note



CWF EXECUTIVE BOARD TO MEET

The CWF Executive Committee Meeting will be held Saturday, Jan. 14 at 9 a.m. at the church.

UPCOMING RACISM SEMINAR

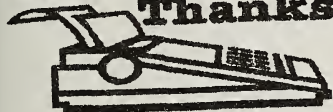
A Racism Seminar will be held Saturday, Feb. 11 at St. John Baptist Church. Watch *Tidings* for more information.

CITY-WIDE SERVICE SCHEDULED

The 10th Annual Service of Repentance and Reconciliation honoring the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15 at Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 W. Berry.

This will be a City-wide service with the Rev. John Wolf speaking.

A word of Thanks



To All from First Christian Church,

My thanks to the Rev. Zehr for calling me.

Thanks also to the Sarah Circle for the gift, and thanks to Judy Mey for bringing it to me.

God Bless you all.

—Lucille Branstrator



"HE SAYS IT ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO ADD A 15 PERCENT GRATUITY TO THEIR OFFERINGS."

Joys & Concerns

Our sympathy is extended to John & Becky Glasgow and family in the recent death of Becky's father.

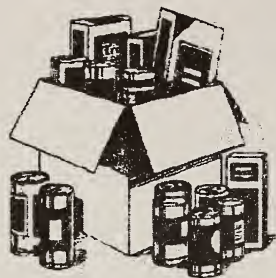
Warren Smart is a patient at the Lutheran Rehab Hospital.

Dorothy Green is now home from St. Joe Medical Center.

Edna Nordblom is a patient of the Intensive Care Unit at St. Joe Medical Center.

If you have a Joy and/or Concern, please call the church office at 744-3239 or speak with either the Revs. Jerry or Diane Zehr.

Food Bank gives thanks



Thank you for your support of the Food Bank. Thanks to you a check for \$1,700 was given to the Associated Churches to help match a \$5,000 challenge grant.

Additionally, thank you for your support throughout the year. The food you donate is a valuable supplement to the food we get from the Associated Churches warehouse.

The Associated Churches Christmas Food collections at area schools and stores were successful.

Now they need volunteers to sort and box the donated food so that it can be distributed to the food banks. If you can help, give them a call at 422-6721, because a few hours will be a big help.

Thank you for your support through the past year, and especially the money donated in December. We at the Food Bank can't do the job without your help.

Yours in Christ,
Wes Westerfield

P.S. For Food Bank Sunday, Feb. 5, we need pasta items, dishwashing soap, dry beans, and rice.

Sunday, Jan. 15 is Blanket Sunday

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is for **bed** — a place to lie and rest, for babies who are wrapped and protected.

is for **love** — the benevolent affection of God for His creatures.

is for **attire** — to cover one's body.

is for **nook** — a corner to call your own.

is for **knapsack** — to carry a few possessions.

is for **envelop** — to cover, to conceal.

is for **tent** — a shelter against the sun, or the wind, or the rain.

Put them all together
and they spell **BLANKET**.

SERVING JANUARY 22**ELDERS**

8:15 a.m. Kathy Graham & Ralph Church

10:45 a.m. Charles Hatten & Jane Walsh

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. G. Brown, A. Knappenberger, B. Lindsay, J. Lindsay

10:45 a.m. Db. Rinker, Dv. Rinker, C. Ewing, E. Yeoman, W. Klepfer, L. Brey, B. Falbe

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, C. Davis, S. Rudy

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, E. Vandergriff, T. Hatten, K. Howard

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EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Sue Oden

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Duncan's

ACOLYTES

Jennifer Mounsey & Travis Crain

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Dick Mory

10:45 a.m. Marlo Quick

CHURCH CALENDAR**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

6:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00 p.m. Life Group for Men

7:00 p.m. Teacher's Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:00 p.m. Committee Chairs

7:30 p.m. Committees

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

6:00 p.m. Carillon

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SAT.-SUN., JAN. 28-29

8:30 a.m. Youth leave for Camp Barbee

**January****14-27**

J o h n

Roush(14), Diane

Zehr(15), Jeff

Young(15),

M i c h a e l

Mullen(15), Melissa Chapin(15), Martha Bier(15), Calvin Jones(17), Jack Williams(17), Sue Brickley(18), David Alexander(19), Chip Olson(19), Jan Nunn(19), Mark Snyder(20), James Plummer(21), Daniel Auer(21), Jim Bushey(21), Heath Hudlow(21), Charles Ewing(22), Harriett Cole(23), Gladys Hoop(23), Delores Keebortz(23), Mimi Westerfield(24), Linda Stover(25), Sally Rudy(25), Janet Weicker(25), Marilyn Rieke(25), Dorothy Green(27), Karen Bushey(27)

Editor says "Thanks"

I would like to thank the people of First Christian for allowing me to serve as the editor of *Tidings* the past two years. You will continue to be in my prayers as you meet the needs of those around you.

Please give support and encouragement to Diane Johnson, as she assumes my duties.

—Michael D. Mortensen, *Editor*

SERVING JANUARY 15**ELDERS**

8:15 a.m. Delores Keebortz & John Ohneck

10:45 a.m. Dave Kreischer & John Kelly

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. J. Arnold, M. Arnold, S.

Knuckles, B. Hendricks

10:45 a.m. K. Place, E. Place, L. Berry,

M. Mullen, D. Heimann, L. Heimann,

J. Mounsey, J. Mey

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, C. Byrket, J. Young

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, C. Falbe, Db.

Rinker, J. Anderson

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L. Ewing - J. McGrew

C. Ewing - J. Bushey

B. Johnson - C. Davis

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Julia Arnold

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Norton's

ACOLYTES

Claire Ewing & Noah Duncan

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Diane Mory

10:45 a.m. Donna McEvoy

CHURCH CALENDAR**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**

10:00 a.m. Fireside Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

6:30 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

6:00 p.m. Fireside Meeting

7:00 p.m. Martin Luther King Service at
Plymouth Congregational**MONDAY, JANUARY 16**

7:00 p.m. Life Group for Women

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

7:00 p.m. Co-Ed Life Group at Church's

7:00 p.m. Aboite Life Group

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

10:00 a.m. Fireside Meeting

6:00 p.m. Carillon

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

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WINTER WARM UP FELLOWSHIP DINNER SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 5:00 P.M.

Bring a dish to share. (Table service and drinks are provided. Birthday cake furnished for dessert.

We'll be roasting "Jerry Zehr" for the main course of entertainment for the evening. **HE DOES NOT KNOW THIS** (and since he is out of town all week, he won't see this newsletter).

This evening is our way of recognizing two significant occasions in his life.

**10TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION (JANUARY 15)
40TH BIRTHDAY (ACTUAL DATE IS MAY 19)**

We chose a date somewhere in between those and February 12 is the night. There will be lots of surprises, so come prepared to eat good food, laugh a lot, and celebrate our pastor's life and ministry among us.

SHHH.....Remember: It's a secret so don't mention this to Jerry.



From Here to "Other" Zehr —————→

From time to time pastors need to learn new things in order to continue to be effective in their ministries. That's what Rev. Jerry Zehr is up to this week.

He is in Phoenix, Arizona at a week of continuing education attending workshops led by the National Evangelistic Association.

These workshops include:

- (1) Building a Magnetic Church
- (2) Stewardship Lifters

A word of Thanks



To my First Christian Friends,
Thank you all so much for the cards, thoughts, and prayers after my father's death.

A special thanks to Marilyn Rieke for being there during our calling hour and the service.

And also to Jerry, you'll never know how much it meant to me to be with Dad and me as he left us to meet Our Maker. Your presence gave both Dad and I such peace.

God Bless All of You.
In Christian Love,

Becky Glasgow

(3) Resources for Worship

In addition he is spending one day visiting with the pastor of one of the fastest growing churches in Phoenix.

I'll be joining him for the weekend so neither of us will be with you in worship on Sunday.

We'll both be back in the office on Monday morning if you need to reach us.

Please call the chairperson of Elders Ralph Church, if there are any emergencies.

Peace,
Diane

ALL WOMEN WELCOME

Women's Life Group will meet this coming Monday evening, January 30, 1995 at Sophia's Portico, YWCA on Wells Street at Jacob Street at 7:00 p.m.

THIS SUNDAY, JAN. 29
REV. VERNON GRAHAM, PREACHING
(FROM ASSOCIATED CHURCHES)
CHARLIE HATTEN, WORSHIP LEADER

**D.M.A. Valentine Party
Potluck - Tuesday, February 7, 1995
12:00 Noon**

Bring a dish, dessert will be provided. Everyone bring a white elephant (one from Christmas?) gift wrapped and marked for a girl or boy, also, a funny valentine to be judged as one of the funniest. Maybe you might even make one!



Youth News

The Youth Group will leave for Camp Barbee at 8:30 a.m. this coming Saturday, Jan. 28, 1995 for a retreat. We will return on Sunday by the end of second service.

We will not have our usual Youth Group meeting on Sunday, Jan. 29.

You will need to bring the following: warm clothes, sleeping bag, pillow and blanket, flashlight, a snack to share, toiletries & towels, etc., Bible, card games, board games, snow toys if we have the white stuff, music is permissible if decent, \$5.00 for camp, your smile and a good attitude, and your permission slip.

- Pat Mullen

Joys & Concerns

Mildred Sarrazin is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

Our prayers are with George & Virginia Bruckman as George is recovering from by-pass surgery and is in St. Joseph Medical Center.

Edna Nordblom is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center as well as Jane Fisher.

Our sympathy is extended to Ray and Linda Stover and their family in the recent death of Ray's father. The funeral was Tuesday of this week in Elwood, IN.

Congratulations to Margaret Precht for her outstanding performance as the featured violist in a concert last weekend.

Congratulations to Michael & Christine Mortensen in the birth of a baby girl on January 22! Ashlyn Christine M. Mortensen weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. and was 19 inches long. The initial "M" became a part of Ashlyn's name because she was born 5 years (to the very date) of when Michael's grandmother, Murial, died. Congratulations Michael & Christine!

Congratulations to Noah Duncan who received the honor of singing in the All State Elementary Honors Choir.

SERVING JANUARY 29**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Bill Johnson & Bob Hendricks**10:45 a.m.** Don Oden & Sue Oden**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Arnold, M. Arnold, J. Young,
N. Knappenberger**10:45 a.m.** E. Vandergriff, B. Kelly, A.
Moll, M. McFarland, L. McFarland,
M. McDougle, O. McDougle, J. McGrew**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, M. Hutchinson**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, S. Brey, W. Bowen,
K. Place**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

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Megan McEvoy & Jeffrey Bushey

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS**8:15 a.m.** Bobbie Lindsay**10:45 a.m.** Larry Brey**CHURCH CALENDAR****SATURDAY, JANUARY 28****8:30 a.m.** Youth leave for Camp Barbee**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29****8:15 a.m.** First Worship Service**9:30 a.m.** Church School**10:45 a.m.** Second Worship Service**MONDAY, JANUARY 30****7:00 p.m.** Life Group for Women at Sophia's
Portico, YWCA on Wells Street**7:00 p.m.** Teacher's Meeting**TUESDAY, JANUARY 31****6:30 a.m.** Men's Prayer Breakfast**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1****7:00 p.m.** Co-Ed Life Group at Church's**7:00 p.m.** Aboite Life Group**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2****6:00 p.m.** Carillon**7:00 p.m.** Chancel Choir**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4****9:00 a.m.** Cell Group Leaders Meeting**10:00 a.m.** Mentors in Board Room**10:30 a.m.** Drama Group**Birthdays - Jan. 28-Feb. 4**Bill Kerley(28), Mike Walsh(28), Martha
Warner(30), Kathy Blocher(31), Bobbie
Lindsay(1), Judy Mey(2), Patricia Erdly(3),
Ruth Yentes(4), Helen Lobdell(4), Wanda
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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - 11:30 A.M.

The Capital Study Task Force that was formed in the spring of 1992 is now ready to bring a recommendation to the congregation. After our fireside conversations in which the congregation gave helpful input we are ready to decide if we want to take the next step towards a capital campaign.

We hope people from the first service will come back to be a part of this discussion so the congregation will be all together for the decision of what to do for the next step.



W WINTER WARMUPS

**WINTER WARM UP
FELLOWSHIP DINNER
SUNDAY, FEB. 12
5:00 P.M.**

Bring a dish to share. Table service and drinks will be provided. Cake will also be furnished for dessert.

There will be lots of surprises, so come prepared to eat good food and have some good fellowship as well.

From Here to Zehr————

It is good to be back with you. I had quite an experience this last week. The first part of the week I was in Phoenix at an excellent workshop with Herb Miller on "How to attract young adults to your church." On Friday, Diane and her mother met me in Las Vegas! Diane's mother is 73 and wanted to go to make her million, so we had an interesting weekend. I learned a lot of things about human nature this weekend. I will share with you a couple of experiences this Sunday in my sermon entitled, "Vegas or Babylon."

Peace,
Jerry

A word of Thanks



To our First Christian Friends,

We would like to thank the Rev. Jerry Zehr for his visits to the hospital and nursing home to see Warren.

Also, to several people for their calls, cards, and prayers during Warren's illness. Thank you so much.

God Bless All of You.

In Christian Love,

Warren & Katherine Smart

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES ANNUAL DINNER FEB. 26 - 5:30 P.M. DON HALL'S GUEST HOUSE DICK HAMM, SPEAKER

Cost - \$12.50. Call Charlie Hatten 447-2649 or the church office at 744-322 for your reservation. **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS WILL BE TH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5.**

NOTES FROM "JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE"

The Beginners class (3 & 4 year olds) is preparing a special song for Valentine's Day to share in worship on Feb. 12. Remember the angels in our Christmas play - same singers! You won't want to miss it.

The 16 members of K-5th class is working hard to learn the stories of Exodus. You all sampled their "plague food" during coffee hour on Sunday (passed on the yellow jello boils). They also earn points for attendance, extra learning projects and being on time. Those who earn 25 points by the end of February will go to see Brian Precht as featured percussionist in a March concert at the Symphony. **THIS WEEK EACH CHILD WHO BRINGS A CAN OF FOOD FOR THE FOOD BANK ALSO RECEIVES AN EXTRA POINT.**



Greetings in the Lord!

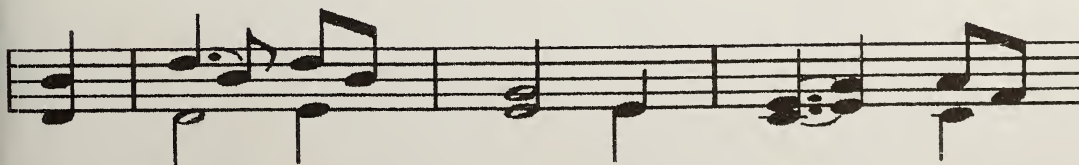
Our Carillon and Adult

Choir spent an evening in fellowship and celebration last Friday beginning with dinner at Don Hall's Triangle Park. We all had good conversation and a very fine meal (I ate too much, of course, but what's new?). After dinner, everyone was invited to Chuck and Lauren Ewing's home for snacks, deserts (I had plenty of those too), and a White Elephant Gift Exchange. The most treasured gift of the evening seems to have been a referee doll with "tear-off" arms, legs, and head - suitable for use by San Diego Charger fans during Sunday's Super Bowl. Other great gifts were a roll of twine, a brass crab ash tray and some old mustard. I must admit, though, I was most excited about the Daffy Duck Slippers I received. The Zimmerman's came up from Carmel, IN to be part of our celebration. It was good to see them again.

If you've been thinking of joining either the Bells or the Choir, but have yet come in from the sidelines, there is still time. All you need to do is come to the church Thursday's at 7:00 p.m. and we will find a place for you in the choir. If you would like to ring bells or if Thursday's are bad for you call me at home (423-4442) and we will work something out. Who knows? You may even get some slightly used Daffy Duck Slippers next year. Did I mention that we eat well?

Your Brother in Christ,

Kevin Hege





D.M.A. Valentine Party
Potluck - Tuesday, February 7, 1995
12:00 Noon

Bring a dish, dessert will be provided. Everyone bring a white elephant (one from Christmas?) gift wrapped and marked for a girl or boy, also, a funny valentine to be judged as one of the funniest. Maybe you might even make one!

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through

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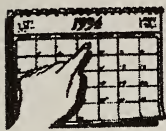
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Youth News

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Well we have. Eleven youth and four adults had a marvelous weekend doing all the above at Barbee Church Camp. In the next few weeks we will introduce you to some of the plans that we made and hope you will be pleased and surprised.

As your Student Minister, I would like to thank Jennifer Mounsey and her friend Teresa, and Kathy Blocher for their time and leadership. But a big special thanks to all the kids who came and made the event so special.

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- Pat Mullen

joys & concerns

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Charline Craig is a patient at the Lima Memorial Hospital, Lima, Ohio.

Glenn Miller is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

Mildred Hutchinson is recovering at home from a fall.

Our sympathy is extended to **Gary & Carolyn Falbe** and **Barbara Busse** and **Larry Busse** and their families in the recent death of **Lillian Busse.** The funeral was Tuesday of this week.

Dustin McEvoy is going to school in Marion, Indiana and his health is good.

Congratulations to **Gary & Kelli Kern** in the birth of a baby girl, **Jana June,** born on January 24!

Congratulations to **Becca Widmer** as she has won the *Indiana Mother of Young Children* nomination and will compete in New York in April against all the other states, and will represent Indiana. Becca is a member of the American Mothers Group.

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Lynn Medlin

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Becca Widmer

ACOLYTES

Melissa Brey & Elissabeth Olson

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Team II - Ralph & Judy Church

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6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:30 a.m. Racism and Reconciliation Seminar

at St. John Baptist Church

Birthdays - Feb. 5-11

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Ruth Truesdell(8), Betty Harter(9), Susan

Knuckles(9), Sharon Ellis(9), Kenneth

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES?

Rick Canter from Fellowship Missionary will be here on Monday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. to talk to our church about developing our small groups (LIFE groups) ministries.

Rick started out five years ago with 6 groups and now their church has 40 different small groups for prayer, sharing and study.

Everyone is welcomed!

D.M.A. (DON'T MENTION AGE)

TOUR OF SEYFERT FOODS PLANT

WHEN: Tuesday, February 6, 12:00 noon.

WHERE: We have reserved a room at DENNY'S on Lima Road (north of Coliseum Blvd.) for lunch. After eating we'll go over to tour the Seyfert plant at 1:30 p.m. sharp!

COST: Tour is free. Order from menu.

TOUR GUIDE: Myrtle Young.

From Here to Zehr

This weekend I had two enriching experiences that warmed my heart.

First, Diane and I went to see Mr. Holland's Opus starring Richard Dreyfuss. It was a 4-star movie for the whole family. That was one of the best films I have seen in 10 years.

Also, on Sunday afternoon I joined the Peace & Justice Commission of Associated Churches as we met at a location where a teenager had been murdered this past year. They had a service to reclaim that location of our city where there had been a violent, evil act back for God. This came about because the person who had murdered this teenager had seen the service from his jail that this group had done after the K.K.K. Rally. He talked to Charlie Hatten who was leading a Bible Study in the jail and asked him if this group would go to this location and pray for the person he murdered.

He had a deep sense of remorse and asked for God's forgiveness and love for the family he had injured.

NO, this service did not bring back the murdered teenager, but it helped me feel like I could at least do something to push back against the violence in our city.

Every time there is a murder homicide in our city this group will go to that location and pray for God to reclaim that space as Holy ground again.

We should all thank Charlie and Teresa Hatten for their work with this group.

Peace,
Jerry

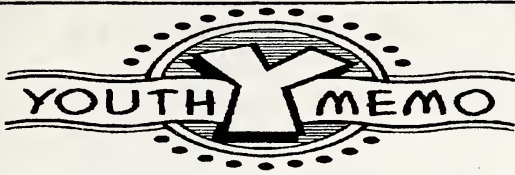
P.S. If you would like to join us for these services of "reclaiming," let me or Charlie know.

DO YOU LIKE TO MOVE?

I don't!!!!-but we are moving to our new house this Saturday. If you can help move boxes and furniture, we would love to have your help.

We will begin at 9:00 am loading the truck at the condo. If you need directions, give us a call at 436-5354.

| | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Budget Needs</u> | <u>Actual Giving</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| This week(1-28) | 174 | \$3,667.21 | \$3,847.04 |
| Year-to-date | 179 | \$14,668.84 | \$13,656.19 |



We will meet this Sunday, February 4 at 5:00 p.m. (regular time) to plan the lock-in and reschedule the tobogganing trip.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES WITH A BENT TO SEWING

A sewing group will meet in the conference room on Tuesday, February 13 at 9:30 a.m.

We have two projects at this time.....1) finishing a quilt which was originally begun by ladies of the CWF before 1950 and 2) cancer pads for the Allen County Cancer Society.

Only the simplest sewing skills are needed.

Come join us for a morning of fellowship. Your help is sorely needed.

FOUND

A purse has been found at the church. If you have lost one, please call the church office to claim it.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Edna Nordblom has been moved to the Beverly Rehab and Specialty Care Center, 2940 N. Clinton 46805.

Dorothy Green is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Rosemary Krull will have outpatient surgery this week.

Take special note



CANDIDATE/MENTOR PROGRAM SPRING MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Orientation:

Mentors - Feb. 3 - 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
(Board Room).

Candidates/Mentors and Parents -
Feb. 3 - 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
(Sanctuary).

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CHURCH CALENDAR

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9:00 a.m. Mentor Orientation
 10:00 a.m. Candidates, Mentors & Parents
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7:00 p.m. Small Group Orientation

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

12:00 noon DMA lunch at Denny's and tour of Seyfert's at 1:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 p.m. Life Group at Deb Lehman's, 206 S. Seminole

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W WINTER WARMUPS

WINTER WARM UP FELLOWSHIP DINNER SUNDAY, FEB. 12 5:00 P.M.

Bring a dish to share. Table service and drinks will be provided. Cake will also be furnished for dessert.

There will be lots of surprises, so come prepared to eat good food and have some good fellowship as well.

From Here to Zehr—————→

This week I have three important meetings I want to lift up.

First; if you are a woman in this church who is looking for a rejuvenated faith, or wanting to deepen your faith, or just want to develop more friends, you need to go to the Women's Retreat. Sometimes the word "*retreat*" scares people ("will this be all prayer and Bible study?" I don't know the Bible, this is not for me!"), but let me assure you Jay Southwick (keynoter) is a down to earth person who will make the stories of the Bible come alive and be relevant for your daily life.

Also, there is a lot of time just to hang out and enjoy getting away. If you find work is overwhelming, the kids are being a challenge, or you find yourself just going through the motions, you should go to this workshop!

Second; the racism workshop is going to be an excellent time to explore the

issues of prejudice and how we as a society can deal with things in a positive way. Our drama group will perform, and I know there will be some folks from our church attending. So come along!

Third; I want to thank Jim Bushey, Larry Brey, Marlo Quick, Ralph Church, Sue Oden, Jerry Medlin, and Dick Mey for their work over the past two years as the Capital Study Task Force. They have put in many hours and have tried to look at the issues, building and programmatic, that we need to work on to be a growing, vital church in the year 2000. The congregation will vote on the Capital Campaign proposal on February 19 at 11:30 a.m. It is an exciting time for our church and I look forward to the decision we make together.

Peace,

Jerry



We wish to welcome Tim and Diana Norton who transferred their membership to F.C.C. last Sunday. They have two children, Eric & Jessica. They live at 3309 Woodgate Trail - phone: 432-1008. Welcome!



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Congratulations to Earl & Ruth Plummer in celebration of their 50th **Wedding Anniversary** on February 10!

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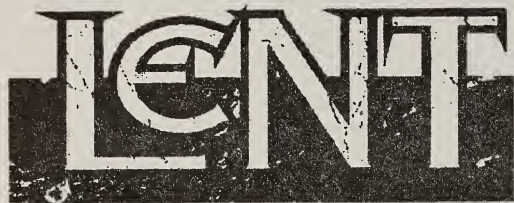
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Congratulations to John & Kris Ohneck as Denay Ohneck got married last Sat.

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Almeda Rice's daughter had surgery last week.

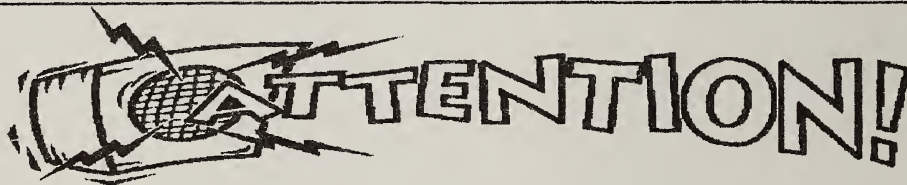
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MEMBERSHIP CLASS BEGINNING

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If you have been worshipping with First Christian and want to find out more about being a member of this church, please come to one of these two opportunities!



FEB. 12-18

Bill DeVinney(12), Charles McGrew(12), Chris McDougale(12), Virgil Buchanan(13), Kevin Tobias(13), Merle Grimm(14), Sara Glasgow(14), Charles Hatten(15), Martha Hunt(16), Karen Doehrman(16), Jean Sheets(18)

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7:00 p.m. Teacher's Meeting

7:00 p.m. Campaign Council

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

11:30 a.m. Rebecca Circle

11:30 a.m. Food Bank Volunteer Luncheon at Lester's

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00 p.m. New Members/Prospects Meeting

7:00 p.m. Co-Ed Life Group at Church's

7:00 p.m. Aboite Life Group

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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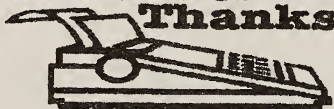
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Peace,

Jerry

A word of Thanks



To First Christian Friends,

I would like to thank everyone at First Christian Church for their cards and prayers at the time of my mother's death. I really appreciated them.

Thanks so much. We'll see you in the spring!

Marge Thomas

I would like to thank Brenda Kelly and Sue Brickley for filling in for me in the office during the next two weeks while I'm vacationing in Florida.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY - 6:30 P.M.
ALL CHURCH SUPPER AND WORSHIP**

Rev. Scott Wooldridge from Bloomington, Illinois will be our guest speaker. Scott has spoken throughout the Midwest on the spiritual quest. His presentation is not a lecture style, but interactive, with time for group discussion. It will be an evening that will make a difference in your life! Don't miss it!



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ZOO NOOZ

D.M.A. POTLUCK, March '7,
12:00 noon, fellowship hall.

Bring a dish, enjoy a delicious lunch, and enjoy a speaker from the zoo. Slides will be shown from behind the scenes and we will also get to meet a zoo friend.

Come and enjoy the fellowship that has been planned for this day!

Joys & Concerns

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EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Ken Taylor & Bob Smith

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Jack Weicker

10:45 a.m. Anita Ellis

CHURCH CALENDAR**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

10:00 a.m. New Members/Prospects Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

6:00 p.m. CYF and Chi Rho

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 207:00 p.m. Life Group for Women at Kathy
Blocher's

7:00 p.m. Teacher's Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle

7:00 p.m. Pat Mullen's MSC

7:00 p.m. Sara Circle

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

6:00 p.m. Carillon

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2510:00 a.m. Candidates, Mentors & Parents
Meeting**Birthdays - Feb. 19-25**Don Crouse (19), Richard Merrick(20),
Heather Chapin(20), Walter Bowen(22),
Susan Rousseau(23), Roger Moll(25), Eunice
Conrad(25), Dan Church(25)Published
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LENT BEGINS MARCH 1
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - MARCH 1
6:30 P.M. - SOUP & SANDWICH DINNER
7:00 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE



Ash Wednesday begins the 40 days of Lent in preparation for Easter. Lent is a time of self-reflection and spiritual discipline.

This year our Ash Wednesday Service will be a little different. Rev. Scott Woolridge, Associate Regional Minister of Illinois, will be our guest speaker and leader. Scott is a dynamic speaker who has

written and spoken on the theme of "Finding Inner Happiness." He will speak and guide our discussion on our own spiritual quest. It will be a great opportunity to start the Lenten Season in God's House.

There will be child care provided.

You won't want to miss this event! There will be a free will offering to off-set the cost of the supper.

From Here to Zehr —→

In Robert Wuthnow's book "Sharing the Journey" he listed the five top reasons people enjoy being in a small group.

1) Make you feel like you aren't alone-82%.

2) Give encouragement when you were feeling down - 72%.

3) Helped you celebrate something-51%.

4) Helped you through an emotional crisis-43%.

5) Helped you make a difficult decision-38%.

Do you feel isolated at times? How many close friends do you have? Do you feel like you are just going through the motions?

Being part of a small group can help one develop a stronger faith and stronger relationships.

During Lent I want to encourage you to participate in a small group experience. We have five evening groups, plus a new experience Diane Zehr will lead on Sunday morning. There are five adult Sunday morning groups from 9:30 - 10:30 and I have just started a new group called "New Beginnings" on Sunday mornings. I hope you will make your faith a priority this Lent!

Peace,

Jerry

NEW TESTAMENT LENTEN STUDY


LENT

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between the end of the Old Testament and the writing of the New Testament? What difference can these books make in my life?

These are some of the questions we'll address. Please call the church office to reserve a place for you in this study.



Youth News

Are you familiar with a SWAP MEET? That's where people gather to exchange their junk for your junk. The Youth Group of the church is sponsoring a Swap on Sunday, February 26 right after worship. Our meet is a bit different, however, because we intend to swap valuable information. It has come to our attention that there is a generational gap in knowing each other so we want to rectify that situation.

The cost of admission to our meet is the honor of attaining the status of **Senior Citizen**. We want to share a meal, tell stories, and get to know one another. We are calling our event the S.W.A.P. which stands for... Seniors With Adolescents Party.

The energy for this event was generated at our recent retreat at Barbee Camp. We are all really excited and hope that all **FCC seniors** will be as well. Please watch your Tidings for further information about the S.W.A.P.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Feb. 26 - 12:30 pm - SWAP

- Pat Mullen

ZOO NOOZ

D.M.A. POTLUCK, March 7,
12:00 noon, fellowship hall.

Bring a dish, enjoy a delicious lunch, and enjoy a speaker from the zoo. Slides will be shown from behind the scenes and we will also get to meet a zoo friend.

Come and enjoy the fellowship that has been planned for this day!

THANK-YOU FROM REV. ZEHR

Last sunday evening was a great evening. the food and roast was great. Thank-you to everyone for your "kind" words. i really did appreciate your celebrating my 10th year of ordination. I'm still only 39 and holding. your support and prayers for our ministry together has made my life so very enriched.

Thanks again and I look forward to the next ten together.

God Bless
Jerry

SERVING FEBRUARY 26**ELDERS**

8:15 a.m. Lauren Ewing & Ralph Church

10:45 a.m. Sue Oden & Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS8:15 a.m. J. Arnold, M. Arnold, J. Young,
N. Knappenberger10:45 a.m. E. Vandergriff, B. Kelly, A. Moll,
M. McFarland, L. McFarland, M.
McDougle, O. McDougle, J. McGrew**USHERS**

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, C. Davis

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, S. Brey, E.
Vandergriff**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

D. Keebortz - E. Place

C. Ewing - K. Place

D. Oden - L. Heimann

C. Ludwig - D. Heimann

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jean Sheets

ACOLYTES

Jeffrey Bushey & Claire Ewing

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Bob & Bev Hendricks

Team II - Don & Sue Oden

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Mildred Hutchinson

10:45 a.m. Teresa Hatten

CHURCH CALENDAR**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**10:00 a.m. Candidates, Mentors, & Parents
Meeting**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

12:00 noon SWAP

5:30 p.m. Associated Churches Dinner

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00 p.m. Life Group for Men at Dick Mey's

7:00 p.m. Teacher's Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:00 p.m. Campaign Council

7:00 p.m. Committee Chairs

7:30 p.m. Committees

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

6:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Dinner

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

6:00 p.m. Carillon

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Birthdays - Feb. 26-Mar. 4

Bill Chappell(26), Cathy Katt(26), Barbara

Busse(1), Jerry Zimmerman(1), Frank

Moody(2), Charlotte Ewing(3), Joe

Snouffer(4), Tom Walsh(4), Jim Davis(4)

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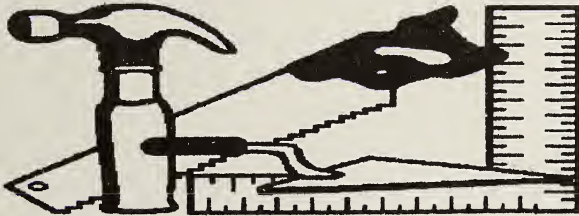
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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IS A GO!



On Feb. 19 at the congregational meeting we decided to pursue a capital campaign. The vote was an overwhelming 93% "yea" vote to raise money for Plan C, the recommendation to renovate our existing facilities with wiring, carpeting, painting, etc., as well

as building a new addition on the south side of the church that would include new bathrooms, nursery, and gathering area. There will be more information in the next couple of weeks giving a detailed list of improvements and cost. We are blessed by the following who are giving leadership to this effort: Jim Bushey and Jerry Medlin will Co-Chair; Ralph Church will be the Advance Pledge Chairperson, Publicity-Marlo Quick; Spiritual Life-Sue Oden, Follow Through-Estel Vandergriff; Meals-Lynn Medlin and Kem Benny; Capital Fund Treasurer-Ron Wise; and Campaign Secretary-Becca Widmer.

We have Dick Mory, Jane Walsh, Larry Brey, Chandra Duncan, Alison Knappenberger as Team Leaders; Bob Smith, Donna Heimann, Dick Mey, D.J. Rinker, Laura McFarland as Assistant Leaders; and Sue Brickley, Deb Rinker, Kris Ohneck, Charlotte Ewing, and Karen Wise as Team Secretaries.

There are a number of people who have said "yes" to helping and we will need your support as well!

From Here to Zehr —————>

This is an exciting and challenging time in the life of our church. Will our faith community be a vibrant growing church in the year 2000 or will we be less than our potential? I was heartened that our congregation was eager to embrace a new vision for our church. I have been encouraged by all of the people who have said "yes" so eagerly to be willing to help in this capital campaign.

This Sunday will be our first Sunday of Lent. Why don't you make a special effort to be in worship for all the Sundays in Lent? There are only six of them leading up to Easter. Could you? Would you? Do you want to make church that important of an experience in your life? Hard questions

to ask and even harder to answer!

Peace,

Jerry

SERMON PREVIEW

Sermon: "Courage"-The Age of the Heart.

Scripture: II Corinthians 5:1-10.

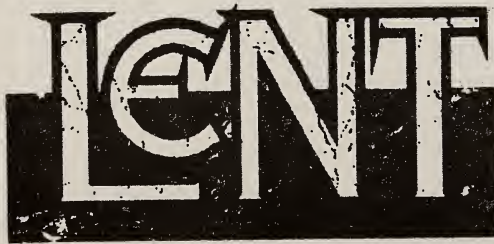
Guest Singer: Kevin Hege.

Chancel Choir: Sing Forever to the Lord.

This Sunday the Elders who have not been ordained will have the laying on of hands ceremony at both services.

Come and show your support for the spiritual leaders of our church.

NEW TESTAMENT LENTEN STUDY



Rev. Diane Zehr will be leading a Lenten Study on Sunday evenings beginning March 5 through Palm Sunday, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. doing an overview of the New Testament.

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between the end of the Old Testament and the writing of the New Testament? What difference can these books make in my life?

These are some of the questions we'll address. Please call the church office to reserve a place for you in this study.

CANDIDATES AND MENTORS BEGIN

For the seventh year, First Christian Church is sponsoring a mentor program for young persons in our congregation who are ready to learn about baptism and church membership.

This year we have 8 candidates, each candidate has his or her own mentor, an adult member of the congregation, who meets with them and helps them prepare for this time. In addition, there are two Saturday morning meetings when candidates and mentors are led in study by the Rev. Jerry Zehr and the Rev. Diane Zehr, and Pat Mullen, our Seminary Intern.

The candidates will be introduced to the congregation at our Maundy Thursday Worship Service. We look forward to their next steps of faith.

Please hold these candidates and the adults who work with them in prayer during this time.

Jamie Bushey - Laurie Berry
 Noah Duncan - Bill Franklin
 Claire Ewing - Deborah Rinker
 Holly Falbe - Sam Hayes
 Melissa Lands - Laura McFarland
 Megan McEvoy - Jane Walsh
 Jennifer Medlin - Marlo Quick
 Elissabeth Olson - Anne Moll

JOYS & CONCERNS

Please keep Jo Franklin in your prayers as she awaits results from tests.

Edna Nordblom is home from St. Joseph Medical Center.

Keep Bev Hendricks in your prayers as she is having chemotherapy.

Eileen Klepfer is having water therapy while she is in Florida.

Our prayers are with Teresa Hatten's sister, Jane Collins, as her newborn son is recuperating from surgery due to spinal bifida.

Congratulations to our new members, Gary and Kelli Kern, who transferred their membership to F.C.C. on Feb. 19. Their address is: 9111 Wallen Lane 46825. Phone: 489-0925. Also, their new baby, Jana June, was dedicated on the same day.

Congratulations also to Eve Gorman as she transferred her membership to F.C.C. on Feb. 26. Eve's address is: 5119-12 Stonehedge Blvd 46835. Phone: 485-9091. Welcome to our new members!

We thank God for 8 of our young people who are preparing for baptism and 8 adults who have agreed to be mentors to them through the candidates preparation.

Myrtle DeVinney is recovering at home after foot surgery.

CALLING ALL MEN

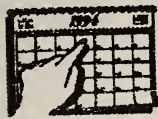
There is an exciting opportunity on the horizon for the men of First Christian Church. On Friday, April 28, fifteen men from First Christian Church will be traveling to Detroit, Michigan for a two day Promise Keepers Rally. These men will go with the expectations of having a good time with some fellow brothers in Christ, but will come away from this experience having felt truly touched by the spirit of God. There will be 60,000+ men at the Pontiac Silverdome, world renowned speakers, incredible worship experiences and phenomenal music. However, the most amazing thing is the energy created by tens of thousands of men coming together to worship God in the person of His son Jesus Christ.

We have purchased fifteen tickets. We know these tickets will go quickly and if there is a demand for more than this number of tickets, we may be able to purchase more, however, the Indianapolis Conference is already sold-out, and the Detroit Conference is nearly sold out as well and probably will sell out within the week. So, I urge you to consider this event prayerfully.

Our church is on the threshold of an exciting time and this will provide an incredibly powerful experience to further galvanize us as a congregation. If you are feeling empty and unsure about your faith, if you are sensing the excitement of new possibilities in Christ, or if you are joyfully celebrating a life with Christ, this is an opportunity to experience a spiritual awakening and a joyous celebration of God's sovereignty. And, an aside to the women in our church, if the man in your life is in need of this kind of spiritual blessing buy him a ticket and send him out the door and you will see the very glory of God come to life in the man that you love.

Will you join us in this experience? We are excited for the future God has planned for the men of First Christian Church and this conference is a great starting point. Please speak to myself or Jerry as soon as possible so that we can estimate where we stand on tickets. We will be leaving sometime on the afternoon of April 28 and will return late on the 29th or early on the 30th.

Your brother in Christ,
Brian Precht



Youth News

Chi Rho youth, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades mark Saturday, April 22, 1995 for **Chi Rho Day Out**. We will be going to Southport Christian Church in Indianapolis. Details will follow.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Mar. 5 - 6:00 p.m.

Mar. 12 - 6:00 p.m. Fun Event - To be announced.

Mar. 19 - 6:00 p.m. - Called to Be

Mar. 26 - 6:00 p.m. - God's Promises.

S.W.A.P. A SUCCESS

Thirty-five youth and seniors enjoyed food and fellowship Sunday at a noon luncheon.

Did you know that Kristie Howard is a South Side Cheerleader? Did you know Mary Wilhelm looked great in her Navy uniform? Did you know Ralph Church collects elephants? Did you know Meka Anderson loves reading? These were just some of the shared stories and hobbies.

A big thanks to Kathy Blocher who fixed great food and proved once again she's a type A personality. Thanks to Sue Brey and Melissa Miller for their assistance.

A special thanks for all the youth and seniors who attended and got acquainted. We hope to have more intergenerational events real soon.

- Pat Mullen

ZOO NOOZ

D.M.A. POTLUCK, March 7, 12:00 noon, fellowship hall.

Bring a dish, enjoy a delicious lunch, and enjoy a speaker from the zoo. Slides will be shown from behind the scenes and we will also get to meet a zoo friend.

Come and enjoy the fellowship that has been planned for this day!

A word of Thanks



Word of thanks to our friends at First Christian.....

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, and visits. A special thanks to Jerry for being with us in during this difficult time.

Bev Hendricks

SERVING MARCH 5

ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Bill Johnson & Charles Ewing

10:45 a.m. Sue Oden & Don Oden

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. G. Brown, A. Knappenberger, S. Knuckles, B. Hendricks

10:45 a.m. J. Bushey, K. Bushey, L. Brey, S. Brey, B. Glasgow, J. Davis, B. Precht, M. Precht

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, M. Hutchinson, M. Hartman

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, H. Banet, D.J. Rinker, J. Anderson

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Precht's

ACOLYTES

Megan McEvoy & Travis Crain

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Nick & Alison Knappenberger

Team II - Ralph & Judy Church

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Lauren Ewing

10:45 a.m. Charles Hatten

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

6:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

MONDAY, MARCH 6

7:00 p.m. Women's Life Group at Kathy Blocher's

7:00 p.m. Teacher's Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

12:00 noon D.M.A. Potluck

7:00 p.m. Music Task Force

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

6:00 p.m. Carillon

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Birthdays - Mar. 5-18

Cora Ann Harnish(7), Jane Fisher(7), Jerry

Warner(8), Charles Suder(9), Kathleen

Simon(10), John Kelly(10), Florence

Palmer(12), Jean Chappell(12), Kevin

Mory(12), Mark Zimmerman(12), Stephen

Ludwig(15), Bob Ogles(16), George

Bruckman(16), Max Finkhausen(17), Gordon

Howell(18), Brian Busse(18)

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GOD'S HOME IMPROVEMENT

by Jerry Zehr

This is the theme of our Capital Campaign for First Christian Church. What an exciting time it is in the life of our church. With such a challenging undertaking there are many questions people will have concerning the project. There will be a brochure and mailings that you will receive explaining the project in detail, but I wanted to answer a few of the questions people have brought to me. Let's look at some questions that people have raised as we begin the campaign.

1. Why do we need a Capital Campaign? The church has needed many repairs and renovations that our regular giving and budget could never allow us to undertake.

2. I believe we need to do the repairs but do we need a new addition to the church? The new addition will provide many things we do not have at this time. The front entrance to the church is beautiful but the majority of people do not use it any more. Most people come in through the side door closest to the parking lot. When visitors enter, their first experience is trying to find: restrooms, nursery or the main entrance to the church. This is difficult.

The addition would serve as a vehicle of hospitality welcoming all with easy access to restrooms and visible entrance to the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

It would include a high quality and very accessible nursery that would not require parents and visitors to cross in front of the sanctuary to find it.

3. We have gotten along fine all these years, why can't others learn? We all do care about making sure God's church is made ready to invite in the future.

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GOD'S HOME IMPROVEMENT- CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

We know what it has meant to our lives and we do want to give this gift to new generations. To do this, there is some cost and risk taken and courage needed.

4. How will a congregation our size support this type of project? The Board of Church Extension has looked at our budget and size of our congregation, and they feel confident we have the resources to meet our goal, if people will support it.

We will need some advance pledges from individuals who have the financial resources to offset these who do not have the financial resources to give.

5. I am an older person and I am concerned about taking a 10 year loan. I might not be around to give, and I worry about the church going in debt. What about me? Yes, there is always a step of faith you take when you take out a mortgage. When you take a 30 year mortgage on your house, you don't know what the situation will be in 10 years. We believe there will be new people who will come and carry on the churches ministry. That's what we are making possible by our pledge.

When this church was built in 1952 the loan was very challenging and many older people then had the same concern, but thank God for their courage to take a step of faith or we wouldn't have what we have today.

6. What if I support the repairs and renovation but not the addition, and I don't think I should pledge? Yes do please because if we don't raise enough funds to do all of plans, we will at least do Plan B the renovation and repairs of our existing facility.

I hope these questions and answers have been helpful. If you have other questions you would like addressed, please call Jim Bushey, Jerry Medlin, or myself.

Peace,
Jerry

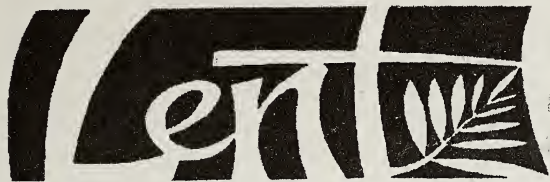
SERMON THIS SUNDAY:
Instant Discipline

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 5:16-26

BIRTHDAYS

March 19-25

| | | |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Vincent | Wells(19), | Ruby |
| Mowery(20), | Pauline Auer(20), | Brenda |
| Kelly(21), | Lou Simmons(22), | John |
| Glasgow(24), | Freda | Flaugh(25), |
| Rosemary | Krull(25), | Christie |
| Glasgow(25) | | |

**LENTEN STUDY SCHEDULE**

**AN OVERVIEW OF THE
NEW TESTAMENT** taught by Rev.
Diane Zehr. Still room for you to
join us.

Sunday, March 5 - Introduction to New Testament

Sunday, March 12 - The Time Between the Testaments

Saturday, March 18 - The Gospels - 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 26 - The Acts of the Early Church

Sunday, April 9 - Paul's Letters to the Churches

Sunday, April 23 - The Pastoral Letters

SEDER MEAL PLANNED-MAUNDY THURS.,-APR.13-6:00 P.M.

Please look for sign up cards in the bulletin to join us for celebrating a passover dinner on Maundy Thursday before our worship service.

Rabbi Safran from the Hebrew Congregation will be with us to lead us in this witness of faith to the amazing act of God in delivering the Israelites out of oppression of Egypt.

This is the meal Jesus was celebrating in the Upper Room on that very first Maundy Thursday so it will be a significant part of our Holy Week observance. We hope you'll plan to attend. Sponsored by the children of First Christian Church who have been studying Exodus.



**James M. McDuffy, Jr. to
sing at First Christian Church
Sunday, March 19.**

We are excited to announce that James M. McDuffy will be the guest soloist at both worship services on March 19. James is a dynamic singer who has sang throughout the state of Michigan, for the Detroit Pistons, Kalamazoo Wings, numerous churches, W.J.I.C. television, and other organizations. His Christian witness through music is powerful. He will sing a mixture of traditional (He Touched Me, How Great Thou Art, It is Well With My Soul), spiritual (Swing Low), and contemporary (I Asked the Lord).

You won't want to miss this Sunday!

Joys & Concerns

Welcome new members! George Cole transferred his membership last Sunday from Trinity Friends Church in Van Wert, Ohio. George's address is: P.O. Box 6019 46896; phone: 447-9285.

Greg and YeeYee Kuhn transferred their membership from Geist Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN. They have two children, Adam and Laura. Their address is: 3229 Woodgate Trail 46804; phone: 436-5290.

Our prayers are with Gini Brown and her son, Larry, who has cancer.

Mark Snyder will have eye surgery this week. Max Finkhausen is recuperating from eye surgery at home that he had last week. Naomi Prechtl had outpatient eye surgery this week.

Jessie Fern Woodward fell and broke her right arm.

Our prayers are with Gladys Harshbarger as her sister, Dorothy Kreischer died. Jerry did the funeral this week.

Our prayers are with Phyllis Lahr as she had biopsy tests done this week.



Youth News

This Sunday, March 12, 1995 the Youth Group is going to South Side High School to see the play Kiss Me Kate.

Our own Josie Quick is the stage manager.

We will meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. and then go to South Side as a group. The cost is \$3.00 for youth and \$5.00 for adults.

We will go for pizza afterwards so please bring money for your share.

JR. & SR. HIGH S.S.

Our class is learning the books of the Old Testament in order. We are also studying them in reference to their content, law, prophet, etc. Our goal is a McDonald's Breakfast after we have all reached our goal. Parents, please encourage your youth in these endeavors, maybe you can learn them as well!

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

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Mar. 19 - 6:00 p.m. - Called to Be

Mar. 26 - 6:00 p.m. - God's Promises.

- Pat Mullen

NEEDS FOR OUR CHILDRENS' MINISTRY



*Bags of candy for our Easter Bunny Breakfast.

We are asking for your help in providing candy to be used in the Easter Egg Breakfast and Hunt that we will have for children of our church and community (ages nursery - 5th grade) to be held on Saturday, April 15. There will be baskets at each door to receive your donations of candy between now and Palm Sunday.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROPS & CRAFT SUPPLIES

SEASHELLS (millions & billions of 'em)

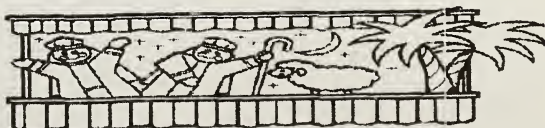
A ROWBOAT for our stage and worship center. Does anyone have one we could borrow for June 18-22.

OARS

FISHNET, BARRELS, ANCHORS

STARFISH, CORAL, LARGE

SHELLS (ONLY BORROW).



Vacation Bible School

SERVING MARCH 12**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** John Ohneck & Bob Hendricks**10:45 a.m.** Charles Hatten & Don Oden**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** B. Lindsay, J. Lindsay, C. Davis,
N. Knappenberger**10:45 a.m.** Db. Rinker, Dv. Rinker, C.
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DR. JAY SOUTHWYCK TO TEACH SAT., MAR. 18, 10:30 AM- 12:00 NOON

This weeks' Lenten Study will be held on March 18, Saturday morning from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon in the Board Room.

We will have a guest teacher, Dr. Jay Southwyck, from Butler University who will be presenting the class on the Times Between the Testaments.

That 500 year period between the prophets of the Old Testament and Jesus' ministry was very important to the shaping of the people of Israel and the ministry Jesus lived.

Even if you haven't been to previous studies on the Sunday nights, you're welcome to join us!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Capital Campaign was officially started last Sunday in our worship services by our Board Moderator, Jim Bushey.

The next couple of weeks you will be receiving devotional and financial information to help you understand clearly what we are attempting to accomplish.

Mark **April 2** on your calendar right now! This will be the All Church Dinner at 12:00 noon in which we will receive the pledges from the congregation. If you know you are going to be gone this Sunday, please let Jim Bushey, Jerry Medlin, or one of the ministers know!

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From Here to Zehr

We are excited to announce that James M. McDuffy will be the guest soloist at both worship services this Sunday, March 19. James is a dynamic singer who has sang throughout the state of Michigan, for the Detroit Pistons, Kalamazoo Wings, numerous churches, W.J.I.C. television, and other organizations. His Christian witness through music is powerful. He will sing a mixture of traditional (He Touched Me, How Great Thou Art, It is Well With My Soul), spiritual (Swing Low), and contemporary (I Asked the Lord).

You won't want to miss this Sunday

SERMON: Vision-Quest

We have explored two of six topics (courage and discipline) relating to our theme - God's Home Improvement. This week I will explore the Biblical theme of "Vision." What type of vision do we have for our lives? Is there a specific vision God has for each of us?

Peace,
Jerry

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK!

Q. Who will be invited to participate?

A. All members and friends of First Christian Church.

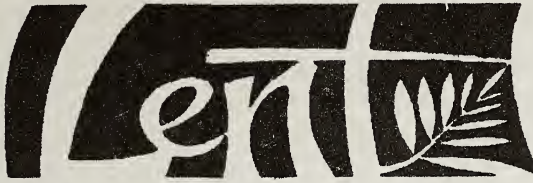
Q. I have not been active for sometime - should I pledge?

A. YES! Even if you haven't been in worship, we know you care about this church's ministries and want to help. By reading this newsletter, we know you still care and try to keep up on what's going on here!

BIRTHDAYS

March 26-April 1

Edwin Hall (26), James Buchanan (28), Linda Hendrickson (28), Lelia Arnos (28), Pat Booher (29), Sylvia Smith (29), Violet Manes (29), Chris Murray (30), Gladys Harshbarger (1), Paul Yentes (1), Adam Falbe (1)



LENTEN STUDY SCHEDULE

**AN OVERVIEW OF THE
NEW TESTAMENT** taught by Rev.
Diane Zehr. Still room for you to
join us.

Saturday, March 18 - The Gospels - 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 26 - The Acts of the Early Church

Sunday, April 9 - Paul's Letters to the Churches

Sunday, April 23 - The Pastoral Letters

SEDER MEAL PLANNED-MAUNDY THURS.,-APR.13-6:00 P.M.

Please look for sign up cards in the bulletin to join us for celebrating a passover dinner on Maundy Thursday before our worship service.

Rabbi Safran from the Hebrew Congregation will be with us to lead us in this witness of faith to the amazing act of God in delivering the Israelites out of oppression of Egypt.

This is the meal Jesus was celebrating in the Upper Room on that very first Maundy Thursday so it will be a significant part of our Holy Week observance. We hope you'll plan to attend. Sponsored by the children of First Christian Church who have been studying Exodus.

Take special note



C A P I T A L
CAMPAIGN WORKERS
DINNER - TUESDAY,
MARCH 21, 1995 - 6:30
P.M. This dinner is for all
 the CAMPAIGN
COUNCIL, TEAM

MEMBERS, AND COMMITTEES. This
 is a very important meeting for all people
 involved in the campaign. Please be there
 promptly by 6:30 p.m.

Joys
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 Concerns

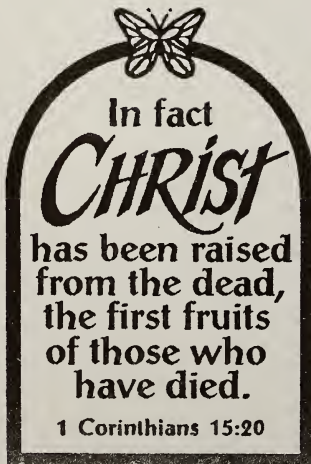
Our prayers are with the following
 families: Grady, Dawn, and Whitney
Vanderwall; Mark Snyder; Walter
Bowen; Greg, YeeYee, and Laura
Kuhn.

John Truesdell is a patient at
 Lutheran Hospital.

Charline Craig will be moving to
 Ohio next week. Her new address as of
 March 22 will be: 11320 Bobwhite
 Lane, St. Mary's, Ohio 45885.

We'd like to thank and welcome
 Valetta Parlette back playing the piano
 last Sunday!

CANDIDATE/MENTOR PROGRAM
 MARCH 18 - 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
 CLASS - PAT MULLEN
 CANDIDATES, MENTORS AND PARENTS
 CHURCH PARLOR



A word of Thanks



I'd like to thank all who sent cards
 and for their prayers while I was in the
 hospital in Lima, Ohio.

Charline Craig



Youth News

JR. & SR. HIGH S.S.

Our class is learning the books of the Old Testament in order. We are also studying them in reference to their content, law, prophet, etc. Our goal is a McDonald's Breakfast after we have all reached our goal. Parents, please encourage your youth in these endeavors, maybe you can learn them as well!

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Mar. 19 - 6:00 p.m. - Called to Be

Mar. 26 - 6:00 p.m. - God's Promises.

- Pat Mullen

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NEEDS FOR OUR CHILDRENS' MINISTRY



*Bags of candy for our Easter Bunny Breakfast.

We are asking for your help in providing candy to be used in the Easter Egg Breakfast and Hunt that we will have for children of our church and community (ages nursery - 5th grade) to be held on Saturday, April 15. There will be baskets at each door to receive your donations of candy between now and Palm Sunday.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROPS & CRAFT SUPPLIES

SEASHELLS (millions & billions of 'em)

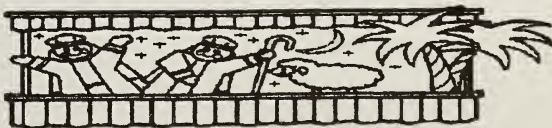
A ROWBOAT for our stage and worship center. Does anyone have one we could borrow for June 18-22.

OARS

FISHNET, BARRELS, ANCHORS

STARFISH, CORAL, LARGE

SHELLS (ONLY BORROW).



Vacation Bible School

OUTREACH & SERVICE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Some of the immediate needs we currently have include money to purchase Bibles and workbooks for the **Jail Bible Study**.

We have a new class each 90 days. We get the Bibles and books at cost (\$11.75 each Bible, \$12.00 for each set of books), and we currently owe for 10 of each.

We also need more volunteers to help in the **Food Bank**. One day a month for 2 hours (9:00 - 11:00 a.m.), Monday, Wednesday, or Friday would help.

The **Baby's Closet** is always in need of cribs and car seats. We get a really good deal from Wal-Mart on a crib and mattress set for less than \$100.

The next time you're shopping, add a can of tuna or baked beans for the **Food Bank** to your list. When you're at the mall, pick up an infant sleeper or t-shirt (size 1-4T) and drop off for the **Baby's Closet**.

Be sure to pray for all our ministries and our church each day. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHILDRENS' SUNDAY SCHOOL

Seven of our children worked hard to earn points by attendance class projects to go to the concert given by the Philharmonic last Sunday. **Brian Precht** was the featured musician.

Congratulations to **Melissa and Sara Brey, Noah Duncan, Megan McEvoy, Eric McFarland, Jessica Norton, and Elissabeth Olson**.

Thanks to our teachers who provided the afternoon experience.

THE OUTREACH AND SERVICE COMMITTEE has set up a program this year that allows you to give to the mission of your choice and not reduce the amount that goes to other missions.

The percent of the budget allocated to outreach this year is 10%. This will be divided among the regional and national missions (Basic Mission Finance) and local missions such as Associated Churches and projects here at First Christian Church.

Some of the accounts we have set up include: The Food Bank, The Baby's Closet, and the Jail Bible Study. If you give \$100 to the Food Bank for example, it will all go to the Food Bank but not count towards the budgeted 10%. We have had several people ask if we could set up some accounts for them to give to on a regular basis and this is to allow them to give over and above their tithes and offerings to ministries they support. To give to one of these accounts, just mark your check with the account you are giving to.

A couple of things we are currently working on are a summer program for kids in the neighborhood and a missions quilt. We estimate a need for about 15 volunteers to make the summer kids program work. The program will provide activities such as basketball and volleyball two nights a week with time for devotions and fellowship built in.

We are hoping to get a student from Taylor to coordinate the program, but we will need people to help supervise, prepare refreshments, and be role models for kids that desperately need Christ like alternatives to what they are currently doing.

The missions quilt is a way of visually representing what we do here at First Christian. We have several people who will do the sewing, and if you would like to have a patch on it let the office know and we will contact you with the specifics. Remember, the quilt is a picture of the heart and meant to show our love for the God we serve. If you have a ministry that you would like to see be part of the quilt, we will help you put it together. We want to have the quilt completed by the fall so we can display it at the General Assembly in Pittsburgh.

The Associated Churches Dinner was great, and I know Dick Hamm really appreciated the turnout. The Racism Seminar sponsored by Associated Churches was facilitated by Dr. Edwards and Dr. Sullivan from the Disciples of Christ National Office and did a great job. I had several comments from others who wished their denominations had that kind of resource available to them. I told them they are welcome to use ours anytime!

Charlie Hatten, Outreach & Service Chairperson

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APRIL 2 - SPECIAL GUEST - TIM ALLEN AND THE CAST OF HOME IMPROVEMENT

On April 2 at the All Church Dinner at 12:00 noon our own cast of the Ft. Wayne version of the T.V. Home Improvement will be here!

Will Tim Allen be here? Read on.

This dinner is one of the most important dinners in the life of the church. This will be when we will receive financial pledges to find if we will reach our goal of \$280,000.00.

We know you will want to be a part of this joyous event. We will not pass out pledge cards before the dinner, so you will want to be in attendance.

Is Tim Allen coming? Read on.

Q. What if I will be out of town on April 2 but I still want to pledge?

A. We definitely need your pledge by April 2. Please call Jim Bushey, Jerry Medlin, or Rev. Zehr and they will make sure you receive one.

Tim Allen will not be here of course but we will have our own Mr. Wilson and cast of characters who will make us laugh!

CHILDREN TO SING THIS SUNDAY!

This Sunday all of the children grades 1st-5th will sing in the second service.

We need all of the children to be in Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. to practice

From Here to Zehr

Take special note

What a great day yesterday was at First Christian. The music of James McDuffy, the song the nursery school children sang, having over 105 people in Sunday School (the youth class had 14 in their class!).

Jim Bushey gave a challenging and exciting vision for our church and then to top it off by having Bob and Lillian Crain join our church. I left church with a spiritual high that was empowering.

I am really looking forward to Holy Week and especially to Easter. I don't want to say too much about Easter Services yet, but Brian Precht is writing a special musical piece that will join with the drama group to make the opening of the service powerful!

The Easter Bunny Breakfast will be a great way to invite that friend or neighbor who doesn't go to church to experience some of the joy at First Christian!! Think of someone you can bring.

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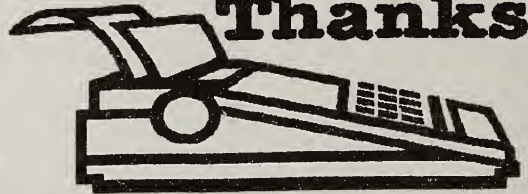
Camp Barbee needs your help!!

We will need help in painting at Barbee on **Saturday, April 8** from **9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Call Ken Taylor at 485-5348 to volunteer. Thank you!



A word of Thanks



A BIG THANK YOU to all those who helped with the Capital Campaign mailing this week: **Jo Franklin, Evelyn Yeoman, Mary Wilhelm, Ruth Yentes, Jewel Byrket, Sue Brey, Rosalie Hall, and Betty Grimm.** A special thank you to **Sue Brickley** for all her help in coordinating

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EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST

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9:00 A.M.

Bring your friends and neighbors to our first annual Easter Bunny Breakfast. There will be pancakes to eat and an egg hunt for our children. The Easter Bunny will visit to speak to each child. You can reserve seats for you and the children you'll bring by calling the church office at 744-3239.

Cost: \$2.00 per person includes breakfast, magic show, egg hunt, and a visit with the Easter Bunny.

FOOD BANK UPDATE

I don't know whether you could call 1994 a banner year in the operation of the food bank at First Christian Church, but we served a record number of meals. We distributed 67,440 meals, thanks to you and members of area churches. The Associated Churches Food Bank program, which had donations from businesses and foundations, provided the majority of our food couldn't supply all of our demands. You are most important.

So far this year the number of clients has been down and I hope that this trend will continue. Please don't take this as a signal that you should slow down with your contributions. The need for more volunteers still exists. I can't believe there is no one else at First Christian Church who has two hours from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. twice a month who could help out.

This Lenten season, remembering the story of the fish and the loaves which fed 5000, we are collecting sea food and crackers. Many stores feature tuna at special low prices so watch the ads, and load up with tuna and crackers. Tuna and other sea food is the only animal protein which we distribute regularly, and then only enough for one meal in the five day supply of food that we give. Thanks for remembering the poor.

Yours in Christ,
Wes Westerfield

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8:15 a.m. Ralph Church & Bill Crouse

10:45 a.m. Sam Hayes & Jane Walsh

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Glasgow, J. Davis, Db. Rinker, Dv.
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K. Howard**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

D. Kreischer - L. McFarland

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7:30 p.m. Committees

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

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7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, APRIL 110:00 a.m. Candidates, Mentors, and Parents
meet with Jerry Zehr**Birthdays - April 2-8**Marlo Quick(2), Leo Heimann(2), Sylvia
Engle(3), Wes Westerfield(4), Anne
Shirley(5), Sharon Pauley(5), Genevieve
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This Sunday at 12:00 noon we will have a great meal, an inspiring speaker, Gary Kidwell, of the Board of Church Extension, wonderful fellowship, hilarious comedic vignette, and an exciting time of building for the future with the giving of our pledges to the capital drive.

Have you made your reservation yet? If no one has called you, please call the church office (744-3239)!

There is no cost for the meal, however, a free will offering will be taken.

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 9, PALM SUNDAY



At 10:30 a.m. we are inviting everyone to meet in the parking lot of Southgate Plaza (look for the donkey), and then we will process to the church re-enacting the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem. Bring balloons, pom poms, or whatever you want to use in the parade. We will have some palms and streamers for people as well.

We will let the children ride and lead the donkey. We will have a drawing in Sunday school to choose the children.

They need to be in Sunday School this Sunday to participate in the drawing.

From Here to Zehr

This week I want you to hear from two members who were at our church 40 years ago when we were in the middle of another building campaign.

But first..... If you are not going to be able to be at the all church dinner, please call the church office and get a pledge card and fill it out before this coming Sunday.

We need everyone's help.

FROM BILL CROUSE

"Thoughts from the Past"

Yes, this Church was dedicated Sunday, November 16, 1952 - cornerstone laid 1951 (October 7).

\$100,000 building program began August-September '52. Some time later, some "faithfuls" personally guaranteed bank notes for a loan to pay our good contractors.

Yes, we had some questions and doubts as some of you might have, but we kept the faith, knowing that God sees us through when it's right.

Perhaps very few ever get the chance to help build a new church, but now you have that great opportunity because ours will be a new look.

I can tell you it's the greatest spiritual experience of your life, and as the years pass, to see all those new people coming, that Spirit just grows and grows.

So take that "Step in Faith" - I know the satisfactions you will find are, in the deepest sense, those that befit a whole

person. You will find an unselfish sense of pride, of doing a great thing in your life - a cause that is worthy of the best that is in you.

FROM SUE ALLEN

As we embark on "God's Home Improvement" for First Christian Church, I am reminded of an article by Bruce Larson in his book "Dare to Live Now". Mr. Larson recalls the legend of Desert Pete.

Travelers across a seldom used trail in the desert would pass an old pump, the only hope of fresh drinking water for their journey. Wired to the pump was a can. Inside the can, a handwritten note:

"This pump is all right as of June 1932. I put a new sucker washer into it and it ought to last five years. But the washer dries out and the pump has to be primed. Under the white rock, I buried a bottle of water out of the sun, the cork end up. There's enough water in it to prime the pump, but not enough if you drink some first. Pour in about one quarter and let her soak to wet the leather. Then pour in the rest medium fast and pump like crazy. You'll git water. The well has never run dry. Have faith. When you get watered up, fill the bottle, put it back like you found it for the next feller."

Desert Pete

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Jim Bond is in Parkview Hospital recovering from surgery.

Our prayers are with Gini Brown and her son Larry who has cancer.

Congratulations to Charles and Ardith Wrisk as they celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on March 28.

While we are building this congregation Diane Zehr is away building a foundation of prayer, study and service for the whole Disciple denomination in training staff for People of the Covenant, a ministry of our whole denomination of prayer, sharing, study and mission.

Our sympathy is extended to Scott and Melissa Miller in the recent death of Scott's father.

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Luncheon following.

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If the travelers had faith and trust, they used the bottle of water to prime the pump, and were refreshed with all the water they could drink. They then had to decide whether to honor Desert Pete's instructions to leave the bottle full for others. Fortunately, most recognized their dependency upon one another. The travelers, having received a refreshing legacy, provided for those who followed.

The successful development of First Christian Church has been the beneficiary of many Desert Pete's - who left the bottle full so others could drink? These folks could not imagine taking without returning.

May we not forget to leave the bottle full. Full of our treasure, our time, and our talents, so that those who come after us may prime the pump and be refreshed with the teachings, care and love of First Christian Church.

Peace,
Jerry

P.S. Thanks to Bill Crouse and Sue Allen for their reflections, it is exciting to see our older members yet as excited about this campaign as the younger members.

A word of Thanks



We wish to thank all who sent cards, made phone calls, and for their prayers while Glenn was in the hospital.

We wish also to say that we miss everybody so much. Words cannot say how much we miss you and wish we were able to be there with you.

Glenn & Lola Miller

Thank you to the K-5th Church School classes for the food they donated to the food bank which was brought during offering on Sunday, March 19. This is an ongoing project the children participate in.

Anne Moll

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Your name _____



UPDATE NEWS FOR MEN

I am happy to report that good things are happening for the men of First Christian Church. Both of our men's Life Groups are going strong and we invite any men that would like to join us, to come on down to the church every Tuesday morning at 6:30 a.m. or over to Dick Mey's house on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for fellowship, study, and prayer. Right now we are working through a book on tape version (no homework, I promise) of the book "Seven Promises of a Promise Keeper." We are studying what God's word has to say about how we as men can live out His will for our lives in our roles as husbands, fathers, and brothers in faith. We are also looking forward to an April outing to the Promise Keepers National Rally in Detroit, Michigan. We bought 25 tickets to that event and they sold in a heartbeat. It is truly joyful for me to see men avid to experience God's sovereign work in uniting his children across racial and denominational lines. It promises to be an exciting event and a great opportunity for our men to grow in friendship and faith.

Along these same lines, I know that there are some men who are not able to join us on this trip but are interested in learning more about Promise Keepers or have a desire to get a taste of what these rallies are like. We are fortunate to have our very own Fort Wayne Promise Keepers mini-conference scheduled at the Memorial Coliseum on April 22. It is called "Father to Son, Brother to Brother, Friend to Friend", and features renowned speaker John Maxwell. I heard John speak at last summer's Indianapolis Conference and I can assure you he is incredibly dynamic. There are many other items on the agenda including some dynamite music as well as local speakers such as Terna Jordon. I have purchased some tickets for this event and at \$12.00 for the day (8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. including lunch), this is a bargain. I hope that many of us can find the time to participate. There is a vital force at work in our community attempting to unite brothers in the name of Jesus Christ and I hope that we as Disciples can be a part of it. Please call the church office or myself to register for this conference.

Your brother in Christ,

Brian Precht

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12:00 noon All Church Dinner

6:30 p.m. Lenten Study

MONDAY, APRIL 3

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7:00 p.m. Teacher's Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

6:00 p.m. Carillon

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Birthdays - April 9-15

Donald Kampenga(9), Ann Sands(9), Linda Cobb(9), Charles Ludwig(10), Betty Grimm(10), Becky Glasgow(12), Adam Hayes(12), Phyllis Tobias(13), Josie Quick(13), Margaret Precht(14), Golden Rose(14), Fern Strole(14), Gary Kern(14), Ruth Yost(15),

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THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 9, PALM SUNDAY



At 10:30 a.m. we are inviting everyone to meet in the parking lot of Southgate Plaza (look for the donkey), and then we will process to the church re-enacting the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem. Bring balloons, pom poms, or whatever you want to use in the parade. We will have some palms and streamers for people as well.

We will let the children ride and lead the donkey. We will have a drawing in Sunday school to choose the children.

They need to be in Sunday School this Sunday to participate in the drawing.

SACRIFICIAL LUNCHEON

THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 8 AT 10:30 A.M.

This Saturday, April 8 at 10:30 a.m. in fellowship hall, C.W.F. will host the annual Sacrificial Luncheon.

We are urging all men and women to attend.

**UPDATE ON CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
SEE HERE TO ZEHR ON PAGE 2**

From Here to Zehr

It was a wonderful Sunday last week. The energy and excitement was unbelievable. We had a great dinner (thanks Lynn Medlin and Kem Benny), the Drama Group did a wonderful job (thanks Jennifer Mounsey, Charles and Jean McGrew, Sue Oden, Diane Mory, Eric McFarland, Noah Duncan, and Jennifer Medlin), and Gary Kidwell gave us a challenging message. The pledges are still coming in. We are getting closer but we really need pledges from people who haven't sent there's in.

We have reached almost \$220,000 towards our goal of \$280,000. We still have a number of folks who were out of town or not able to be here Sunday, so keep praying, we are getting close!

God Bless,

Jerry

P.S. If you do not have a pledge card and would like to participate in this important project, please call the church office and we will get a card to you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - APRIL 16-22

John Weyer(16), Diane Freimuth(16), Derrick Farr(17), Bob Mitchell(18), Kathryn Cullen(19), Arlene Downes(20), Opal Carper(21), Karen Zimmerman(21), Julia Arnold(21), Jack Hayes(22)



March, at the Food Bank, started like a lamb and went out like a lion. We went from quiet days when we were looking for work to days when we took food off the shelves as fast as we could open cases of food and put in in stock. In all, we gave 341 individuals 5115 meals.

During the Lenten season we are asking for as much sea food as possible, keep on collecting it for the Food Bank until April 23. The Associated Churches has set a goal of 3000 pounds of fish, the more that is donated the less which must be bought.

The Associated Churches Food Bank is short on cash. Even with all the food which is donated they must buy pasta, dry potatoes, beans, rice, peanut butter, soup, paper products and soap. Please help if you can. I promise not to ask for money again for a few months, but I'm going to keep asking for your help working at the Food Bank one or two days a month.

Remember....our hours are 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Thanks for your food donations.

Wes Westerfield

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SEVEN TIPS FOR TV VIEWING IN THE HOME

The Center for Media Literacy, headquartered in Los Angeles, offers these ideas for helping to make television viewing a positive family experience:

1. Establish limits on how much TV your family watches. Decide the number of hours to watch each week and stick to it!

2. Plan your TV viewing. Encourage a family attitude that television should be turned on only to watch a specific show, not just to "see what's on." Choose your shows ahead of time, using a weekly television program guide.

3. Develop family guidelines for selecting programs. Be sure to discuss values you believe are important and the reasons for your choices. Check channel listings, including cable, and note reviews of programs with themes and subjects that match your family guidelines. Look for shows and videos that offer different viewpoints and help in your child's education.

4. Make TV watching an interactive family event. Television doesn't have to end family discussion and interaction. Watch it together, and use every opportunity to talk about what you are seeing and hearing. Use storylines or characters to stimulate conversation on topics that can be difficult to discuss: family relationships, feelings, appropriate sexual behavior, divorce or death. Try "thinking out loud" as a non-threatening way to let your children hear your values and prompt their response.

5. Talk back to your TV. When appropriate, express your opinions by "talking" directly to the TV as you watch. Respond to sexism, racism and unnecessary violence, but point out positive portrayals as well. Don't forget to challenge commercials and the way they try to sell us not only products, but attitudes and lifestyles.

6. Let TV expand and enlarge your world. Find related books and magazine articles at your public library, and go on family outings based on ideas you've seen on TV. Keep an atlas or globe next to your television and find places mentioned in the news.

7. Be positive about TV's contribution to our world. Television is the dominant force in our media culture and an important part of children's lives. It should be evaluated fairly, not denigrated.

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MEN'S GATHERING



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We will have a time of fellowship, study and sharing. We will also be discussing our upcoming trip to the Promise Keepers National Conference in Detroit as well as a local one day Promise Keepers mini-conference here at the Coliseum. There are still tickets available for this local conference and we wanted to give men an opportunity to learn more about that event.

We urge any men who want to make a connection with others in our congregation to come on down. There is an exciting energy which occurs when men come together in the name of Jesus Christ, and I have already seen its effect on the men of our congregation. So please, whether you have interest in these conferences or not, come down to the church this Monday evening.

It is imperative that any men who are already signed up for the Detroit Conference attend, because we will be setting up travel and room arrangements at this meeting.

Your Brother in Christ,

Brian Prechtl

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TUESDAY, APRIL 11

11:30 a.m. Rebecca Circle

12:00 noon D.M.A. at Botanical
Conservatory6:00 p.m. Candidates, Mentors, & Parents
dinner and meeting

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

7:00 p.m. Aboite Life Group

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What do you connect with during Holy Week? There are many images and symbols that are examined in this week. The drama of events are rich with meanings for our lives. The betrayal, denial, crucifixion of Jesus are events that we can all relate to. Have you ever been betrayed? How did that feel? Have you denied your allegiance to someone? Why did that happen? Have you experienced part of yourself dying as you went through your own crucifixion? Have you cried out like Jesus, "Why have you forsaken me?" Yes, Holy Week is a time in which we can relate to the humanity of Jesus and the drama that unfolds in all of our lives.

But, that is not the end of the story, for with Jesus trial and death there also came life and resurrection! Hope overcame despair! Do you believe it can happen? Have you experienced some form of death in your life and later found hope and life? That's resurrection!

Come and share in the drama of salvation this Easter!

Peace,

Jerry

SHOWTIME FOR D.M.A. THURSDAY, MAY 4

Join us for a free dress rehearsal for the play titled, "*Leader of the Pack*", a comedy, at the Arena Theater in the Senior Center. Play time is 7:30 p.m., arrival time is at 7:00 p.m.

Preceding the play, reservations will be made for dinner at the Shrine Arabian Room on Ewing Street at 5:30 p.m. Two choices from their menu follows:

- 1: Chicken breast with rice
2. Roast beef with dressing

Dinners include: tossed salad, baked potato, vegetable, dessert, rolls, coffee or tea. Cost: \$9.50 includes gratuity and tax.

Make reservations and dinner choice at the church office by Friday, April 21 as seating is limited.

MINISTERING FROM OUR
CONGREGATION'S DOORSTEP TO THE

"Ends of the Earth"
(Acts 1:8)

THROUGH BASIC MISSION FINANCE GIVING

MARK THESE DATES!

SUNDAY, MAY 7

All churches in Area I & II are meeting for an Area Assembly, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. at First Christian Church, Huntington, Indiana.

SATURDAY, MAY 13 - CO-ED GOLF OUTING

This is for everyone in the church who loves to play golf. It is a Florida Scramble at Fairview Golf Course. Prizes will be given for team with lowest score, longest drive, and shortest putt! Sign-up in the church office.

SUNDAY, MAY 21 - STRINGS & STARS - 6:00 P.M.

This is our annual Spaghetti Supper (strings) and Talent (stars) show. We need people to prepare a skit or song, or tell a joke!

If you want to come for the show the cost is \$5.00 which also includes spaghetti, salad, bread, drink and dessert!

ELDERS.....DON'T FORGET

Meeting - April 20 at 7:00 p.m.

CWF ALL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

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YOUTH, please mark your calendars for Friday, May 5. The guys will spend the night at Zehr's and the gals at the Mullen's. More details later.

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Evelyn Yeoman

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Many Doorsteps

One Mission

"I am the resurrection and the life..."

John 11:25 NRSV

Alleluia! It's almost Easter—a time when we proclaim the resurrection, celebrate the promise of new life, and remember Jesus' words to his disciples following the discovery of the empty tomb.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."

Matthew 28:19 NRSV

Your gift to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Easter Special Day Offering for Basic Mission Finance helps to share new life and the spirit of the Gospel through hundreds of ministries in North America and more than 70 countries around the world.

The Easter Special Day offering will be received this Sunday, April 16. Your support is critical to the work of our church, locally and globally. Give life. Give generously!

POSSIBLE OUTREACH PROJECTS FOR THE OUTREACH PORTION OF THE 1995 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGES:

1. Build a new church in Africa
2. New roofs for Philippine churches
3. Provide houses for the poor in Brazil
4. Train pastors in Chile
5. New roofs for churches in Nepal
6. Books for Soviet Theological students
7. Graduate Endowment Program for the Pacific Theological College in the name of First Christian Church
8. Provide American doctors in Vietnam for a year
9. Provide small loans to women to start businesses in Nicaragua
10. Provide material for One Habitat for Humanity House in Fort Wayne, Indiana

EASTER FLOWERS GIVEN



- **Bobbie & Jack Lindsay** - In Memory of John & Margaret Lindsay and Ed Winkle
- **John & Josephine Weyer** - In Memory of their Families
- **The Falbe's** - In Memory of Lillian & Arthur Busse and Mel Busse
- **William Jr., Diane and Kristie Howard** - In Memory of William & Lore Howard and Daniel & Anna Marie Berryman
- **Thelma Onion** - In Honor of Megan McEvoy's baptism
- **Laurie & Scott Berry** - In Honor of Jamie Bushey's baptism
- **Mike & Pat Mullen** - In Memory of Roy & Evelyn Bridgewater, Joe Mullen, and Jessie Abbott
- **Alice Nulf** - In Memory of Robert Nulf
- **Judy & Ralph Church** - In Memory of Nick Keirn
- **Jessie Fern & Grant Woodward** - In Memory of Linda Kirtley(daughter), and Jeanne Feltenberger, Bill & Mamie Caldwell(dear friends) and In Honor of the Youth Group of First Christian Church
- **Jean & Charles McGrew** - In Memory of their mothers
- **Mary King** - In Memory of Terry King
- **Roger & Anne Moll and Family** - In Memory of Kenneth & Audrey Moll
- **Evelyn Yeoman** - In Honor of her daughter, Nancy Yeoman's birthday
- **Genevieve Ripple and Wanda Ingmire** - In Memory of Rolland Ripple husband and father
- **Mary Wilhelm** - In Honor of her grandsons
- **Ed & Sue Allen** - In Memory of Greg Allen
- **Mark Snyder** - In Memory of Pauline Snyder
- **Megan McEvoy and Donna & Leo Heimann** - In honor of Jane Walsh for being Megan's mentor
- **Kelli Kern** - In Memory of her grandfather, Walter Gildow
- **Dave Kreischer** - In Memory of Arabelle Kreischer



SEDER MEAL ON MAUNDY THURSDAY

Many of you are planning to be here at 6:00 p.m. Thursday evening for a Seder meal led by Rabbi Safran.

We wanted you to be prepared that the meal is a ritual meal and a telling of the story of God freeing the Israelites from oppression. It is **NOT** a full meal. We will have "tastes" of foods as we tell the story together.

Please eat a snack before you come if you think you would be hungry before the evening ends.

SCHEDULE FOR THE EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST

9:00 A.M. - Pancake Breakfast and visit with the Easter Bunny

9:45 A.M. - Magic Show with Jania

10:30 A.M. - Egg Hunt and Egg Roll on lawn (weather permitting)

Take a flyer and give it to a neighbor or friend. Better yet, invite them to come with you! This is one great way to introduce new folks to the LIFE at First Christian Church.

TO: ELDERS, DEACONS, AND USHERS

Elders, deacons and ushers who are serving on Easter will be a part of the processional and should meet in the Narthex 15 minutes before each service begins.

Children in the pre-school and primary classes will also participate. They will sit together in the back until the processional begins.

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Knuckles, B. Hendricks

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Ewing, J. McGrew, W. Klepfer, S. Brey,

B. Falbe, E. Vandergriff

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Chi Rho Day Out in Indianapolis

Drama Group to Indianapolis

Promise Keepers at Coliseum.

Birthdays - April 23-29Becca Widmer(23), Megan Geroff(23),
Dick Mey(23), Devera Harter(24), Grady
Vanderwall(24), Vera Watson(25), Jessie Fern
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It was a shock to hear on the news the very next week of the terrible bombing in Oklahoma City.

We just celebrated good over coming evil, and then we see hatred destroying lives. It made me realize even more the importance to celebrate the resurrection. Jesus never said evil won't continue to be in our world. It will be a reality as long as there is sin, but it makes us aware as Christians of our need to share the story of the resurrection. To invite people to move out of their hate and anger to love and respect. It is not an easy task but Christ never said carrying the cross of reconciliation was easy.

The resurrection happens with one person at a time and we are God's Hands to bring that about!

Fight the good fight, keep the faith for "the only thing for evil to triumph is for good men and women to do nothing." (William Blake).

Peace,
Jerry

P.S. If you have not made a pledge to the Capital Campaign and still want to, we are accepting pledges through this week. Call if you need a pledge card!

ALL DISCIPLE CHURCHES

Sunday, May 7 - we are invited to First Christian Church in Huntington, Indiana to join with the other Disciple churches in our area - time: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

There will be singing - fellowship and great speakers - sign up to register by calling the church office.



Youth News

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THANK YOU

The Saturday before Easter, it was discovered that the heating unit for the baptistry was not working, at that time the temperature of the water in the baptistry was 50 degrees. Dick Mey and Larry Brey shopped for a new heating unit, but to no avail, the alternative was to heat water on the stove and carry containers of hot water up two flights of stairs for hours. In doing this, Dick was proud to announce that the water temperature in the baptistry was up to 74 degrees by the 10:45 worship service. All of this was done for the candidates baptism. Thank you Dick and Larry, you are appreciated.

Confession of Faith given by candidates

On Maundy Thursday, April 13, the Candidate-Mentor Program Spring Membership Class celebrated Confession of Faith at the 7:30 p.m. worship service.

The mentors introduced the candidates. Then the candidates read their statements to our congregation.

Below is a complete list of the candidates and their mentors.

Jamie Bushey - Laurie Berry
Noah Duncan - Bill Franklin
Claire Ewing - Deborah Rinker
Holly Falbe - Sam Hayes
Melissa Lands - Laura McFarland
Megan McEvoy - Jane Walsh
Jennifer Medlin - Marlo Quick
Elissabeth Olson - Anne Moll

Those of us who participated in this program wanted to reach out and share this experience with each member of our church family, so each persons statement will follow.

Laurie Berry - Mentor

I'd like to introduce my beautiful niece Jamie Kay Bushey to the congregation. I've known Jamie since the day she was born, and she has been special since the day she was born.

In the past few months I have tried to teach Jamie a little about God and she has tried to teach me a little about roller

blading. Jamie brings to the congregation a wonderful sense of humor, and a great capacity for love, compassion and sympathy.

Jamie Bushey - Candidate

I want to first thank my mentor, Aunt Laurie.

I am deciding to follow Jesus Christ because I was raised to believe in God, because the church has taught me so much about God, and what he does, and because of what he does for us, and how he loves and cares for us.

I would like to thank the congregation for supporting me and for having all the fun activities and helping me learn.

Bill Franklin - Mentor

Noah Duncan is age 11 and in the 5th grade at Haverhill Elementary. We have been friends for a long time. Noah loves to sing, shoot rockets, science projects, and he does very well in all these things and in school. I have watched Noah grow in maturity and insight on his faith journey, and is now ready to further commit himself in Christian Baptism.

Welcome my special friend Noah to our congregation!

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Noah Duncan - Candidate

I think that it is time for me to become a member of this church and further my faith.

It will be like a journey, a journey through the death and resurrection. In baptism I hope to follow Christ through all the days of my life. I would like to thank the congregation of First Christian Church for the arrangement for me to work with my mentor Mr. Franklin. We have taught each other lots of different things and have become best friends. Thank you.

Deborah Rinker - Mentor

Claire Ewing is a 5th grader at Haley Elementary. She is a member of the Fort Wayne Children's Choir. The things she likes to do is sing, read, art work and eat.

Claire is bringing to the congregation an open mind and heart, with a kind smile, shining with God's love. I've enjoyed my time with her.

Claire Ewing - Candidate

When all the people were being baptized Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my son whom I love, with you I am pleased."

And as I am baptized on Sunday, I will also pray and hope that God is pleased with me.

Sam Hayes - Mentor

It is my pleasure to introduce Holly Falbe. Holly is a 6th grader at Woodside Middle School, and enjoys playing sports.

I have enjoyed sharing our faith and special time together. Holly is bringing to this congregation sensitivity, the willingness to help others, and a great smile. As a young disciple, may she continue to grow in God's love.

Holly Falbe - Candidate

I would like to be baptized because I want to be closer to God. I would like to be a true Christian.

I would like to thank my mentor and my parents.

Laura McFarland - Mentor

I feel very privileged to have been able to share some of my time, thoughts and feelings about God, and the meaning of life with Melissa Lands the past few weeks. I have found Melissa to be a very energetic, caring and fun person. May she continue to grow and learn of God's love.

Melissa Lands - Candidate

I've had fun learning about God, Jesus and the Bible. I've decided to follow the church and become a Christian because I feel that I'm old enough to make that decision.

I'd like to thank Laura, and everyone else at the church for helping me making my decision to follow Christ.

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Marlo Quick - Mentor

I want to introduce Jennifer Medlin to the congregation. She is a 4th grader who loves animals and all kinds of bread. She is committed to being a Christian and wants to know more about God. She brings joy and happiness and a love of God to our congregation. She wants to be baptized to show her faith in Jesus. Jennifer thinks one of the best things about being a Christian is being a member of this congregation.

Jennifer Medlin - Candidate

I want to be a member of the church so that I can learn more about Jesus and God. They are special to me because God gave me life and Jesus died for me.

The people of the church are very important to me because they help me to learn more about God and Jesus and themselves.

I want to take another step in my faith because I like being a Christian and I want to be baptized.

Jane Walsh - Mentor

Megan McEvoy is a 5th grader at Franke Park Elementary School. She is involved in many activities at school, is a member of a swim team and a Girl Scout.

Megan is an enthusiastic student of the Bible, and should be commended on bringing a friend to church every week. First Christian Church can be very proud to welcome this new member to its family.

Megan McEvoy - Candidate

The reason I like First Christian Church is that the congregation is always there and supports me through what ever I am doing. After I am baptized with God's help I will pray everyday, worship on Sundays and continue to learn in Sunday School. I also want to thank Jane Walsh for being my mentor, Jerry and Diane Zehr, Brenda Kelly and the congregation for supporting me through this big event. Thanks.

Anne Moll - Mentor

It is my pleasure to introduce Elissabeth Olson. Elissabeth has been an active participant at First Christian for most of her almost 11 years. She brings a strong faith and a caring heart. We have enjoyed puzzles, games, pizza and laughter as well as times of study and learning.

Elissabeth Olson - Candidate

I believe that Jesus is the Son of God. I think I'm ready to do this because of my mom. She picks me up when I'm at my dad's and takes me to church and explains things that I don't understand on the way home. I learned more about God when I went to Sunday School in the morning. I learned more about God by Mrs. Moll through the Mentor Program and by my mom. I think it is time for me to take the next step towards faith.

Candidates were baptized April 16 at the 10:45 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship Service. Congratulations to our new members, their families and mentors.

BARBEE WORK DAY - SAT. MAY 6

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Things that we will be doing: painting, washing windows, cleaning, raking leaves, cutting out flowers, check doors and repair screens. Call Sharon Gillen, 219/834-4190 to pre-register and for further information on particular jobs to be done.

Due to construction at the dining hall there will be no lunch served. Please bring a sack lunch. Drink will be furnished - also coffee and donuts will be available on arrival.

CONCERT SCHEDULE - FESTIVAL CHOIR 1995

Sunday, April 30

Antioch Lutheran Church

14908 Minnich Road

Hoagland, IN

6:30 P.M.

Sunday, May 7

West Creighton Christian Church

845 W. Creighton Avenue

5:00 P.M.

Saturday, May 20

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

North Clinton at Washington Square

1505 Bethany Lane

5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 21

First Baptist Church

2323 Fairfield Avenue

6:30 P.M.

Sunday, June 18

United Methodist Church

204 W. South Street

Monroeville, IN

7:30 P.M.

Charlotte Ewing, Jane Walsh, and Kris Heneck are our members who participate in the Festival Choir.

LOST:

Someone has taken Mark Snyder's London Fog coat by mistake and left one that is not his from Fellowship Hall. If you have one, please check your closet to see if maybe you could have the wrong coat. Thank you.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Ruth Norton, Glenn D. Miller, and Jane Harts are patients at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Our prayers are with Gini Brown as she remains with her son who has cancer.

Larry's address is: 5454 Crossrail Drive, Burke, VA 22015.

SERVING APRIL 30

ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Kathy Graham & Bill Johnson

10:45 a.m. Jane Walsh & Dave Kreischer

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8:15 a.m. A. Knappenberger, S. Knuckles,
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SUNDAY, APRIL 30

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9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

6:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

MONDAY, MAY 1

7:00 p.m. Women's Life Group

7:00 p.m. Teacher's Meeting

7:00 p.m. Jerry Zehr's PRC meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 2

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

7:00 p.m. Co-Ed Life Group

THURSDAY, MAY 4

5:30 p.m. DMA Dinner at Shrine Arabian
Room followed by play at Arena
Theatre

6:00 p.m. Carillon

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Birthdays-Apr. 30-May 13

Mildred Hutchinson(30), Gini Brown(2), Inez
Petty(3), Larry Busse(3), Ray Stover(4), Lee
Jackson(5), Nick Lyons(5), Ralph Reynolds
(6), Dave Arnos(7), Dick Vanderwall(8),
Jackie Keller(8), William Branstrator(8),
Alison Knappenberger(10), YeeYee
Kuhn(10), Joan Franklin(10), Laurie
Berry(12), Christina Parker(12), Bernice
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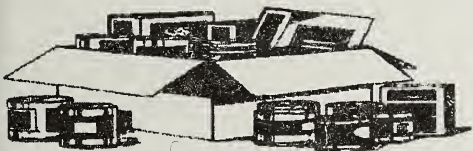
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MOTHER'S DAY SHOWER TO BENEFIT "A BABY'S CLOSET"

On Saturday, May 13, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. there will be a special opportunity to contribute to the Baby's Closet. It will be held at the Wal Mart Stores in the Community and sponsored by Associated Churches, Channel 21, and Wal Mart. You can purchase a gift and donate it at the store or bring it to church with you on Mother's Day as a donation to the Baby's Closet.

If you bring this announcement in and show the cashier, you will receive an additional 10% off your purchase price.



ASSOCIATED CHURCHES FOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, May 13, 1995 the Letter Carriers in your Neighborhood will be doing more than bringing letters from your loved ones. They will be working to help the needy in our community. They are participating in a National Association of Letter Carriers sponsored food drive, supported by the US Postal Service, to benefit the 25 Associated Churches food banks.

Please leave your non-perishable food donations by your mail box, in bags that will be provided by Scotts Groceries, for your carrier to collect as they deliver your mail. Bags will be delivered to your address, sometime this week.

The letter carriers and Postal Service will give all donations to the Associated Churches for distribution to the local food banks. During the summer food banks often must buy food, and the timing of this drive may help to carry them through to fall when donations pick back up.

Thank you for your assistance in this worthwhile endeavor.

From Here to Zehr

This week has been a very difficult time for our church. Shannon Lutz, a vibrant, loving, faithful member of our church was murdered last week. We all feel grief, anger, and frustration at the senseless killing of one so young.

What will we do? Close our doors and hide in fear saying, "Ain't the world so awful" or will we challenge the evil in the world and show that hope does overcome despair?

We are in a time when we can no longer sit in our pew and say, "ain't it awful". It is a time for us to live out our faith and get involved in the bringing of God's Kingdom into our midst!

Friday and Saturday, we had 23 men going to Detroit to the Promise Keepers event at the Silver Dome. There were 75,000 men coming together to learn how to be better fathers, husbands, and Christians. The Promise Keepers events this year will speak to over one million men. It is a beginning, a time for all of us to be promise keepers to the vows we have made to our spouses, children, and Lord!

Let us not grow weary or faint of heart but press on to the bringing of hope to the lost, love to the angry, and healing to all the brokenness in the world!

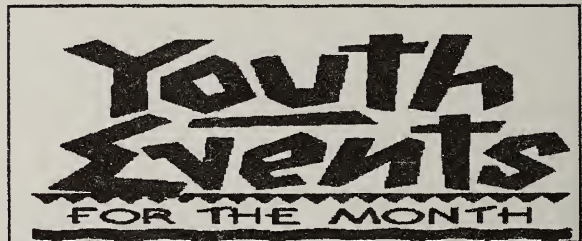
Peace,

Jerry

P.S. I hope, I pray, I expect to see everyone here in church this Sunday!



The Food Bank needs your help! As of Monday, May 1, 1995 our shelves were almost bare. We had a few cans of vegetables but not much else. We need your donations. Thank you.



FINAL INVITATION FOR YOUTH SLEEPOVER

Gals please be at Pat Mullen's, 4330 S. Harrison Street at 7:00 p.m. on Fri., May 5.

Guys please meet Jerry in the church parking lot at 6:30 p.m. to go to the gym for some hoops. Guys please bring gym clothes. Everyone, please bring sleeping bags, pillow, games and snacks to share.

Departure time and parent pick-up is 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

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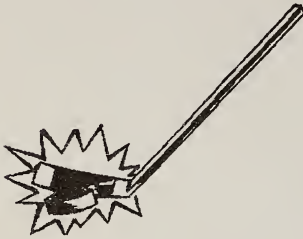
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CAPITAL BUILDING UPDATE

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The building project has now entered the phase of having construction documents drawn up and bids taken. We anticipate this to be complete by late summer and a final plan ready to be taken to the congregation at that time. After this process is completed, we will use the funds collected (starting with this month), and apply for a loan with Board of Church Extension to start construction.

It is important that we start collecting on the pledges now, so we have the funds needed to start construction and have the project done by fall of 1996!

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions contact Jerry Zehr or Jim Bushey.

**NORTHERN LIGHTS AREA ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 1995 - 2:30 - 5:30 P.M.
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
HUNTINGTON, INDIANA**

Be a part of Something NEW! This is the first gathering of Disciples of Christ in a newly formed area of North Eastern Indiana.

2:30 p.m. Registration/Fellowship

3:00 p.m. Welcome and Prayer - Business Meeting - Church Presentations

3:30 p.m. Program: "Becoming a Missionary Church" - Our presenter is Dr. Ed Weisheimer, Our Indiana Regional Minister

5:30 p.m. Meal (Free will offering)



I wish to thank the CWF for the plant, the many greeting cards, and also to thank the people who bring homebound communion to me every other week.

Fern Kenline

We would truly like to thank Jerry, Diane, and all of you who have kept us in your thoughts and prayers during mom's illness. A special thanks to the LIFE Group who provided such delicious food for the family Easter Sunday.

The two brief months mom battled her tumor were a difficult time as a family, but not as Christians for she constantly reminded us "She was in the Lord's Hands."

Thanks also go to those who prayed for Laura during her recent hospitalization. We feel blessed to have found this community faith at First!

YeeYee & Gregg Kuhn & Family

WEEK OF COMPASSION UPDATE - OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING

Disciples across North America are shocked and saddened by the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City. Among the hundreds of killed and injured are four Disciples missing and presumed dead, seven injured, and one left homeless.

First Christian Church, Oklahoma City, is serving as a Red Cross Center and a gathering place for persons trying to cope with the disaster and the loss of loved ones. FCC's kitchen is being used to prepare meals for rescue workers. The Christian Church in Oklahoma is giving important leadership to the ecumenical response. Church World Service has dispatched disaster resource consultants to facilitate that effort. WEEK OF COMPASSION responded immediately with grants of \$1000 each to First Christian and to the regional office in Oklahoma to meet emergency needs. Additional grants will be made to assist other Disciples and ecumenical recovery efforts. Contribution can be made to Week of Compassion and will be used in their entirety for the church's response to the victims. Your prayers, too, are very important. Eastertide blessings,

**Johnny Wray, Director
Week of Compassion**

BARBEE WORK DAY - SAT. MAY 6

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Things that we will be doing: painting, washing windows, cleaning, raking leaves, set out lawners, check doors and repair screens. Call Sharon Gillen, 219/834-4190 to pre-register and for further information on particular jobs to be done.

Due to construction at the dining hall there will be no lunch served. Please bring a sack lunch. Drink will be furnished - also coffee and donuts will be

CONCERT SCHEDULE - FESTIVAL CHOIR 1995

Sunday, May 7

West Creighton Christian Church
845 W. Creighton Avenue
5:00 P.M.

Saturday, May 20

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
North Clinton at Washington Square
1505 Bethany Lane
5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 21

First Baptist Church
2323 Fairfield Avenue
6:30 P.M.

Sunday, June 18

United Methodist Church
204 W. South Street
Monroeville, IN
7:30 P.M.

Charlotte Ewing, Jane Walsh, and Kris Neck are our members who participate in the Festival Choir.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Ruth Norton is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Andrew Lutz and Al and Sue Creager in the recent death of Shannon. Our prayers are with you all.

Our sympathy is also extended to Hendricks Love in the death of his wife, Mary Love on April 15. Hendricks address is: 6732 E. 27 Place, Tulsa, OK 74129.

Leigh Westerfield is in Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Mooresville, Indiana 46158, for total hip replacement surgery. Surgery is scheduled for Thursday, May 4.

Charles Byrket is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

SERVING MAY 7**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Delores Keebortz & Ralph Church**10:45 a.m.** Erma Vanderwall & Sam Hayes**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Arnold, M. Arnold, J. Young,
N. Knappenberger**10:45 a.m.** E. Vandergriff, B. Kelly, A. Moll,
M. McFarland, L. McFarland, M. McDougale,
O. McDougale, E. Yeoman**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, M. Hutchinson, M. Hartman**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, E. Vandergriff, J.
Anderson, Db. Rinker**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

K. Graham - M. McDougale

C. Ewing - O. McDougale

D. Kreischer - Dv. Rinker

D. Mey - M. Mullen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

B. Kelly & McFarland's

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Lynn Medlin

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Nick & Alison Knappenberger

Team II - Ralph & Judy Church

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Church Huntington**5:00 p.m.** Festival Choir at West Creighton
Avenue Christian Church**MONDAY, MAY 8****7:00 p.m.** Men's Life Group**7:00 p.m.** Teacher's Meeting**TUESDAY, MAY 9****6:30 a.m.** Men's Prayer Breakfast**7:30 p.m.** Board of Trustees**THURSDAY, MAY 11****6:00 p.m.** Carillon**7:00 p.m.** Chancel Choir**SATURDAY, MAY 13****9:00 a.m.** Rummage & Bake Sale**10:00 a.m.** Golf Outing at Fairview**Birthdays-May 14-20**Matthew Busse(14), Lila Russell(15),
Mary New(15), Jane Wagoner(16), John
Myers(16), Sam Hayes(17) Art Thomas(18),
Jerry Zehr(19), Thelma Onion(19), Earl
Snouffer(19), Shirley Howell(19),Published
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*Mother's
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MOTHER'S DAY THIS SUNDAY, MAY 14

This Sunday we will honor all of the wives and mothers of our church with a special gift, and all of the men have a special song they will sing.

Bring the family and be in worship this Sunday!

ATTENTION ALL MEN!

This Sunday is Mother's Day and we need all the men of the church to come to a rehearsal this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. to practice a special song that Kevin Hege has written for our wives and mothers! You don't have to be a great singer to join in this song!

Have you registered for the Golf Outing? It's not too late - call the church office.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Date: Saturday, May 13

Where: Fairview Golf Course

Have you made your reservation for Strings & Stars?

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Date: Sunday, May 21

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Call the church office at 744-3239 for your reservation. Limited seating. We need your talent or untalent for Strings and Stars. Do you have a joke, a story, or a song? Call the church office to sign up.

From Here to Zehr

As our worship task force has been looking at ways for us to reach the unchurched through our worship experience, following is a good article for all of us to ponder as we look to the future!

In most churches 30 years old or older, worship services have changed little since the doors first opened. The original service looked much like the one last Sunday. The songs, the message, the schedule, the style are predictable and comfortable. And it's important to realize that most of these services in fact provide genuine spiritual nourishment and growth for those who attend. If they were dissatisfied, they wouldn't keep coming back.

At the same time, most churches older than 30 years are having little or no impact in reaching unchurched people in their community. The worship attendance in 83 percent of all such churches in America is plateaued or in decline. And half of the 242,000 churches that fall into this category did not add one new member last year through conversion!

A third important observation. Research consistently tells us that the majority of people who are not presently active in a church regard "traditional" church services as "boring" and/or "irrelevant." And because of this assessment, they stay away in droves.

These seemingly contradictory realities make the task of designing an effective church service in the 1990's a monumental challenge. On one hand, pastors are realists

and know the importance of a contented membership (or the danger in a discontented one). On the other hand, most pastors intuitively know that their traditional service does not have great appeal (or even meaning) to unchurched newcomers. So the question we face is: "Do we provide a service style designed for our members?" or "Do we program for non-members?" or "Can we do both?"

I believe that 75 percent of all the churches in America—regardless of their present worship attendance, sanctuary capacity, recent growth pattern, number of staff, or existing facility—should be offering at least two different worship services and styles every Sunday. Here are three reasons why:

1. To reach new kinds of people. The worship service for most churches in America, is the primary "entrance door" for new people to become involved—most people decide to join or not join a church based on their experience in worship.

Like it or not, your service is attractive to certain people, and not as attractive to others. No one service can be all things to all people. As a result, it is most important for every church leader to ask, "Which target audience is our present service focused upon?"

If you desire to increase attendance in your existing service, find and focus on those people in your community who are already part of your present target audience.

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STRINGS & STARS SPAGHETTI DINNER AND TALENT SHOW SUNDAY, MAY 21 - 6:00 P.M.

The best and worst talent of First Christian Church! This is your chance to come enjoy the fellowship, food, and laughter. There will be spaghetti, salad, bread, drink, and dessert for only \$5.00. The proceeds go to the First Christian Church Youth Group.

You can make reservations by calling the church office at 744-3239.

If you have a talent or un-talent, please call and sign up. We need all the stars of the church!



FESTIVAL OF MARRIAGE SATURDAY, JUNE 3 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

This is an event to help good marriages become even better.

This is not for deeply conflicted relationships. The focus will be to help couples build on their strengths and enhance their marriage.

Topics for workshops will be: "Fighting Fair", "Communication", "Blended Families", "Differences of Men and Women", and others.

Watch for more information. Mark the date on your calendar!

ATTENTION: YOUTH

Charlie Hatten has asked that if any youth are interested in helping with the Associated Churches Postal Workers Food Drive to please call him at 447-2649.

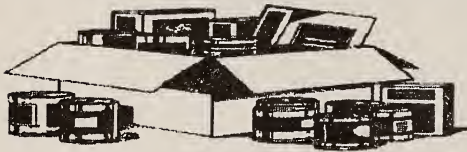
This event is scheduled for this Saturday, May 13. Thank you.

Charlie Hatten

MOTHER'S DAY SHOWER TO BENEFIT "A BABY'S CLOSET"

On Saturday, May 13, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. there will be a special opportunity to contribute to the Baby's Closet. It will be held at the Wal Mart Stores in the Community and sponsored by Associated Churches, Channel 21, and Wal Mart. You can purchase a gift and donate it at the store or bring it to church with you on Mother's Day as a donation to the Baby's Closet.

If you bring this announcement in and show the cashier, you will receive an additional 10% off your purchase price.



ASSOCIATED CHURCHES FOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, May 13, 1995 the Letter Carriers in your Neighborhood will be doing more than bringing letters from your loved ones. They will be working to help the needy in our community. They are participating in a National Association of Letter Carriers sponsored food drive, supported by the US Postal Service, to benefit the 25 Associated Churches food banks.

Please leave your non-perishable food donations by your mail box, in bags that will be provided by Scotts Groceries, for your carrier to collect as they deliver your mail. Bags will be delivered to your address, sometime this week.

The letter carriers and Postal Service will give all donations to the Associated Churches for distribution to the local food banks. During the summer food banks often must buy food, and the timing of this drive may help to carry them through to fall when donations pick back up.

Thank you for your assistance in this worthwhile endeavor.



Church camps are designed for youth entering grade three and older. What does church camp have to offer youth? How about swimming, boating (at Lake Barbee), crafts, music, hiking, cook-outs, worship, creative Bible and spiritual instruction, organized recreation, a natural environment and counselors dedicated to witnessing their faith in Jesus Christ. For more information on church camp, call the church office at 744-3239.

(HERE TO ZEHR CONTINUED)

But, if you desire to reach new groups of people in your community, you will need a new style of service.

For example, if you presently are ministering primarily to "senior Christians," you will need a new service if you desire to attract a significant number of "boomer Christians." If you are already attracting "boomer Christians" and your desire is to reach unchurched "seekers" from that same age group, a new service will be much more successful than attempting to attract them to your present service. In contrast, churches that attempt to diversify the style of their one service to reach new target groups tend to diminish their effectiveness with every target group—particularly their predominant one.

2. To provide more options.

Americans want choices—in cars, cereals, detergents, TV programs. Secular businesses know that the more choices they offer, the more likely their customers are to select one. The lesson should be heeded by congregations that desire effective ministry in the 1990's. Churches that provide only one service, one style, one time of day, one day of the week, are saying, "This is the way we do church—take it or leave it." And, given those two choices, it is not difficult to conclude which choice most people will take.

Eighty percent of congregations that move from offering one worship experience to two find their overall attendance jumps by at least 10 percent. Whether the new service

is on Saturday for the 27 percent of working Americans who cannot attend every Sunday, or Thursday evening for baby boomers taking weekend "mini-vacations," whether the new service is for those who prefer contemporary music, or for parents who want to worship with their children in a family service, the more options you provide, the more people you will reach.

3. To make the gospel relevant to the people you are trying to reach.

Certain forms and liturgies become almost "sacred" to those who have grown up with them. For many sincere and well-meaning folks, there is only one "right" way to worship, only certain "right" songs to sing and music to play, only one "right" time and "right" day to go to church.

But for the newcomer, many of the forms, symbols, and liturgies in the "traditional" service are at best meaningless, at worse an obstacle to reaching God. Starting a new service allows a church to begin with little or no baggage about the "right" way to do church. The location, the style, the activities, the time, the day, the themes should all be based on the question, "What will communicate the gospel meaningfully to our target audience?"

Peace,

Jerry

TO: MEMBERS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our hearts go out to you in this time of deep loss in the tragic death of Shannon Lutz. This wanton killing attacks the very foundations of community life. I write to let you know of our concern for you and our prayers that God will bring healing to you and that the perpetrator of this crime will be brought to justice. In the wake of tragedies like Oklahoma City, and now this murder in your midst, anger and rage is mixed with deep hurt and sorrow. Pour out your hearts to the Lord and ask God to bring peace and comfort to you, and God, who is faithful, will attend to you and accompany you through this time.

I have spoken with your senior pastor, and he tells me that you gave time on Sunday, April 30, in acts of pastoral care, remembrance and prayer. I encourage you to continue to build up one another and be sources of mutual support and encouragement. Our prayers are with you and we feel so deeply for you in this time of sadness and grief.

Sincerely in Christ,
C. Edward Weisheimer, Regional Minister

Dear Friends,

After a decade of service to the congregations of the Hi-Plains Area of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), **Dr. Harold Cline** will retire from his position as Area Minister at the end of June, 1995. In July **Harold** will begin an interim ministry as the Regional Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest.

To honor **Harold Cline** we are putting together a notebook of letters from friends, colleagues, congregations and institutions to be presented at a special retirement party on June 25. Because of your relationship with and appreciation for **Harold Cline**, we wanted to include a letter from you in this book of remembrance.

To insure that your letter will be included in this collection, it needs to be received by Monday, June 19. Send your letter for **Harold Cline** to First Christian Church, 3001 Wolflin, Amarillo, Texas 79109. If you have any questions about this offering of letters, please contact Doug Skinner at 806-355-6526. We hope you will participate in this effort to honor **Dr. Harold Cline**.

Sincerely,
Dr. Douglas B. Skinner, Senior Minister

C.W.F. GARAGE SALE AND BAKE SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 13 - 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Place garage sale items on stage.

Volunteers are needed for pricing.

Call Mildred Hartman at (745-1944)
or Evelyn Yeoman (489-2349) for more
information.

INDIANA REGIONAL RETREAT
FOR WOMEN - JUNE 10-11, 1995



Where: DePauw
University,
Greencastle, Indiana.

Our own Kris
Ohneck will be
installed as C.W.F.
State President!

Schedule:

Saturday, June 10, 9:00 a.m. through
Sunday, June 11, 12:15 p.m. lunch and
check out.

Registration fee: **before May 22 -
\$60.00.** All women of the church are
invited. Let's attend and support our
newly elected president! Registration
forms are available in the office.

Joys & Concerns

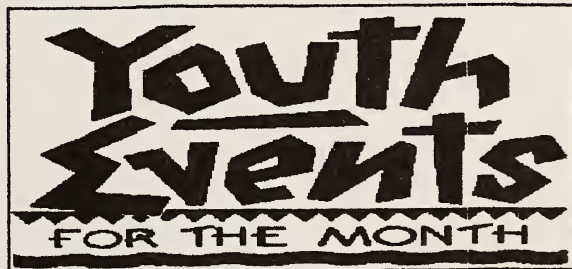
Our sympathy is also extended to
Ruby Mowery in the recent death of
Shannon Lutz. Shannon was Ruby's
granddaughter.

Charles Byrket is home from St.
Joseph Medical Center.

Donald Kampenga had cataract
surgery this week.

Clayton Sheets, son of Jean Sheets,
is home from the hospital as is Ruth
Norton.

Elizabeth Moody is a patient at
Lutheran Hospital.



MAY YOUTH CALENDAR

May 14 - Mother's Day - no meeting

May 20 - Saturday, 9:00 decorate for
Strings & Stars.

May 21 - 5:00 p.m. Strings & Stars

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J. Mey, E. Vandergriff**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, C. Byrket, J. Young**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, Dv. Rinker, C.
Falbe, T. Hatten**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

C. Ewing, B. Smith, C. Davis

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Marlo Quick

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

Team II - Charles & Jean McGrew

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Church's**THURSDAY, MAY 18****6:00 p.m.** Carillon**7:00 p.m.** Chancel Choir**SATURDAY, MAY 20****5:00 p.m.** Festival Choir at Gethsemane
Lutheran Church**Birthdays-May 21-27**Bob Hendricks(21), Lori Vandergriff(21),
Amy Jenkins(21), Jay Bixenman(23), Jennifer
Mounsey(23), Virginia Bruckman(25), Donald
C. Smith(25), Harold Nordblom(26), Kristin
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On Saturday, June 3, Revs. Diane and Jerry Zehr will lead a workshop on strengthening marriages. They have invited a number of marriage counselors to lead various workshops for couples. Fighting Fair, Communication, Blended Families, Differences of Men and Women, Issues for Remarriage, Budget Planning, and more. See insert and make your reservation today!

"STRINGS & STARS" IT'S SHOWTIME!

Come and join in the food and laughter! We have some great acts planned to entertain you! The Fellowship Hall will be transformed into a dinner theater with your own server carrying for your every want!

The dinner will be spaghetti, salad, bread, drink, dessert and show for only \$5.00.

Make your reservation by calling the church office at 744-3239.

From Here to Zehr

Last Sunday I talked about "Raising the Standard" for our lives. Everyone received a card with different opportunities for service and ministry. I wanted people to pray and explore where their passion for service to the Lord is. Following is the list we handed out. Think about it! Pray about it! Then find one way that **you** can contribute to the ministry of your Lord and Savior.

Peace,
Jerry

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Children _____
Youth Groups _____
Young Adults _____
Seniors-D.M.A. _____
Library - Children or Adult _____
Women's Ministries _____
Visitation Ministries to Homebound _____
Counsel at Camp _____
Vacation Bible School Ministries _____

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Drama _____
Decorating Sanctuary for Church Season _____
Music - Choir _____
Handbells _____
Special Music-Solos-Duets _____
Instrumental _____
Sound System Monitor _____
Worship Greeter/Usher _____
Coffee Hour Hosts _____
Extended Session _____
Lay Readers _____
Children's Message _____

REACHING OUT MINISTRIES

Contacting Visitors _____
Mentoring New Members _____
Hosting Dinner for Eight _____
Food Bank Volunteer _____
Baby Closet Volunteer _____
Community Projects _____
Mission Trip _____

SPORTS MINISTRIES

Volleyball _____
Softball _____
Basketball _____
Bowling _____
Golf _____

ADMINISTRATION MINISTRIES

Landscaping and Grounds _____
Building Repairs and Projects _____
Raising Monies for the Church _____
Newsletter/Folding/Correlating _____
Publicity _____

OR

Another ministry I would like to help with:

Is there a topic or subject you would like
Rev. Zehr to preach on this summer?

D.M.A. PICNIC RAIN OR SHINE

D.M.A. will have a picnic on Tuesday, June 6th, 12:00 noon at the church.

Bring a dish for a picnic style potluck.

Weatherman Greg Shoup from T.V. station WKJG-33 will be the guest speaker.

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Schedule:

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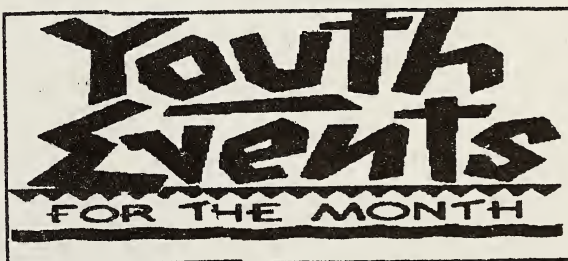
JOYS & CONCERNS

Our sympathy is extended to Chuck and Lauren Ewing and Family in the recent death of Chuck's father.

Our sympathy is also extended to Gini Brown in the recent death of her son, Larry Brown.

Our sympathy is also extended to Dorothy and Carole Overmyer in the recent death of Dorothy's brother, Gene Jordan.

Our congratulations to John and Brenda Proegler in the birth of Derek Lee last week! Carole Davis is the proud grandmother.



MAY YOUTH CALENDAR

May 20 - Saturday, 9:00 decorate for Strings & Stars.

May 21 - 5:00 p.m. Strings & Stars

A word of Thanks



We wish to thank Revs. Jerry and Diane Zehr, and all our friends for the prayers, calling, cards, and the food which was given during the time of our loss of our dear Shannon.

Mr. & Mrs. Allen Creager

Mrs. Ruby Mowery

Mr. Andy Lutz

Mr. & Mrs. Davis Lutz, Senior

Mr. & Mrs. David Lutz, Jr. and Family

A most sincere "thank you" to all those who helped with last Saturday's successful Rummage Sale - from those who sorted and priced to the final clean up work. CWF thanks each and every helper and contributor.

Mildred Hartman, CWF President



Take special note

TO THE CONGREGATION:

There will be a called Board Meeting on **Sunday, May 28, 1995 at 9:30 a.m.** to approve the revised and updated version of the by-laws and constitution.



GOLF OUTING GREAT SUCCESS

With 26 people playing in our annual golf outing last week, there was a great time of fellowship and great shots. Congratulations to **Art Thomas**, **John Ohneck** and **George Dickey** for taking first place!

The winner of the longest drive was **Gary Kern** and closest to the pin was **Rev. Diane Zehr** and **Kevin Rench**.

Thanks to **Marge Thomas** for all her organization and planning!

C.W.F. SPRING BANQUET MONDAY, MAY 22 - 6:30 P.M. CARRY-IN DINNER

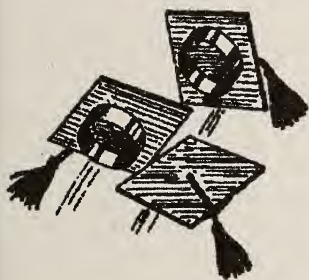
An excellent program: young students demonstrating Bible learnings.

Dr. Patty Martone speaking on "Behind the Schoolhouse Door," all with our own Jack Weicker as Master of Ceremonies.

Women and men are urged to attend. Let's make it a family affair. Notify the office if you plan to attend so plenty of table space will be available.

FATHER'S DAY UGLY TIE CONTEST

Clean your closets and attics. Check the racks at thrift shops. On Father's Day, June 18, during coffee hour we will be holding our first Ugly Tie Contest.



ATTENTION GRADUATES

If you know of someone who will be graduating this year, please call the church office and give us their name. We will honor all those graduating on Sunday, May 28.



This is to inform you that on Sunday, May 7, our offering from the first worship service was stolen.

If you wrote a check on that day, you may want to check with your bank to make sure your check was not cashed. We do not believe that anyone will try to cash checks made payable to First Christian Church, but we will leave the decision up to you if you want to make a stop payment on your check.

Unfortunately, the church has no way of knowing who gave that day, as the money was taken before it was counted.

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B. Johnson - J. Mounsey

R. Church - J. McGrew

C. Hatten - C. Davis

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**BE WILLING TO GO TO THE
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On Saturday, June 3, Revs. Diane and Jerry Zehr will lead a workshop on strengthening marriages. They have invited a number of marriage counselors to lead various workshops for couples. Fighting Fair, Communication, Blended Families, Differences of Men and Women, Issues for Remarriage, Budget Planning, and more. See insert and make your reservation today!

PAT MULLEN'S LAST SUNDAY AS OUR STUDENT ASSOCIATE

This Sunday Pat Mullen will end her year as our Student Associate. Pat and Mike will still be in the worship community but next year Pat will be giving all of her time to her studies at Christian Theological Seminary.

We have been blessed to have Pat on staff for this year as she has given leadership to our youth. Pat is a very warm, loving, faithful servant of the Lord.

I hope you will express your appreciation to Pat sometime this week for all her efforts.

From Here to Zehr

The hardest but most beneficial thing Diane and I have done to strengthen our marriage was to go to a workshop like "Festival of Marriage."

It was hard because we didn't feel we needed it - we could figure it out all on our own.

Beneficial because we really learned some new things that seemed simple to implement but we had never tried before.

When one person in the marriage is wanting to go to the workshop but the other is resistant, usually the resistant one is the man! WHY? We think it is silly to waste time talking about something like marriage. Maybe it is our pride and ego that doesn't want to admit that we can learn something from someone else.

The best gift you could give your spouse would be to come to this event together.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. These workshops are for all couples of all ages. You can always make your marriage stronger!



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Our prayers are also with the Ewing Family as they will be at a Memorial Service for Chuck's father this weekend.

Jack Brickley is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Our prayers are with John and Janet Kratzat in the death of John's father Harold Kratzat this week.. The memorial service will be on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at Grace-St. John's.

Congratulations to Eunice Conrad on her recent retirement!

Our prayers are with the family of Ralph Reynolds who died last Sunday. Rev. Jerry Zehr will officiate at the funeral on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at McCombs on Lake.

GRADUATING

The Senior Class of Lawrence Central High School, Indianapolis, IN announces the Commencement Exercises Thursday evening, June first, Nineteen hundred and ninety-five at eight o'clock at Deer Creek Music Center.

Laura Ann Hamm

A word of Thanks



Words cannot adequately express our deep gratitude to church family for their prayers, cards, calls and all the support during our time of sorrow.

Thanks to Rev. Jerry Zehr for a comforting memorial service.

Thanks also to Evelyn Yeoman and Helen Lobdell and those contributing to the fine dinner.

God Bless you all.

Gini Brown and Family

Strings & Stars was once again a marvelous evening of food and entertainment.

Special thanks to the entertainers, Charles Suder, Chuck McGrew, Larry Brey, Diane Mory, Sue Oden, Allison Enos, Megan & Heidi, Marvin Crouse, Kevin Hege, Eric Mory, Monica Hatten, Jerry Zehr, Paige Vandergriff, and Becca Widmer and children.

Thanks also to our decorator Jennifer Mounsey and the cooks and servers Bob Crain, Ken Taylor, Kathy Blocher, and Diane Zehr. Also, thanks to the pie bakers.

The Youth Group thanks all of you who attended and supported this event. See you again next year.



Take special note

TO THE CONGREGATION:

There will be a called Board Meeting on **Sunday, May 28, 1995 at 9:30 a.m.** to approve the revised and updated version of the by-laws and constitution.

FROM THE FOOD BANK

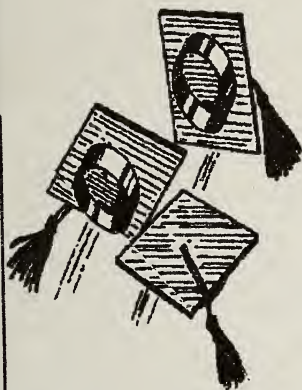
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This is to inform you that on Sunday, May 7, our offering from the **first worship service** was stolen.

If you wrote a check on that day, you may want to check with your bank to make sure your check was not cashed. We do not believe that anyone will try to cash checks made payable to First Christian Church, but we will leave the decision up to you if you want to make a stop payment on your check.

Unfortunately, the church has no way of knowing who gave that day, as the money was taken before it was counted.

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Becca Widmer will be selling cassette tapes of her songs that she wrote and recorded. Cost is \$8.00. Call Becca at 672-8720 if you're interested.

FROM THE FESTIVAL CHOIR

Members of the Festival Choir have recently become aware of a Rehabilitation Center for youth in Wroclaw, Poland, which has critical needs to stay functioning. The information has come through a Polish friend who is on the faculty of Ohio State University. A small group of us visited him recently to confirm the needs and arrange for our giving benefit concert for the Center in June when we are in Europe.

It occurred to us that perhaps the churches of our members, and friends, might join us in helping the medical team which is working so hard to assist these young people ages 14-25 with the reconstruction of their lives. Many of them have lost limbs in farming accidents.

They work in poverty. For example, they were given a whirlpool bath for use in therapy, but they have no money for pipes, electricity, or water. Every year, we were told, they think they will have to close down for lack of funding and medical supplies, but that somehow, through the grace of God, they have been able to remain open.

Their needs for non-prescription medication and disposable medical supplies are acute and constant—things which are so plentiful in America that we take them for granted but which are not so available and very expensive in Poland. Among them are pain relievers such as aspirin and Tylenol, ace bandages, bandaids, gauze bandaging and adhesive tape, syringes.

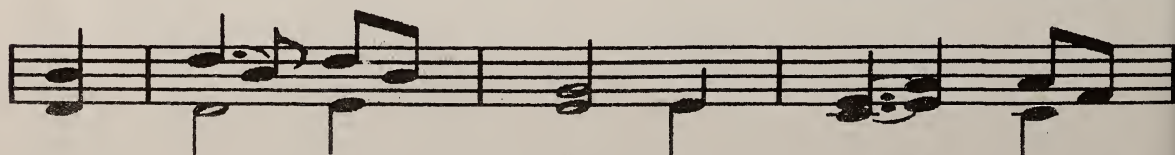
They would be so grateful either for gifts of supplies or money. The Festival Choir would be pleased to take a gift designated from your church to them this summer and include these gifts from Ft. Wayne in the offering at the concert.

If you have questions, please call Dr. John or Roberta Agnew, 482-1831, or me, 432-0152. Checks should be made payable to The Festival Choir, Inc. and mailed to: P.O. Box 40046, Fort Wayne, IN 46804-0046. Since the choir will be leaving for Germany and Poland June 23, we will need to receive a check or supplies by June 20th so that we might take them with us. The Festival Choir is a non-profit organization and the musical arm of Associated Churches.

Members of the Festival Choir from First Christian are Kris Ohneck, Jane Walsh and Charlotte Ewing.

Thank you for considering this as an outreach project and for any kind of help for this struggling Polish facility which you may choose to give.

**Gratefully,
Helen Donnell, Director**





CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP JUNE 4 - 10:45 A.M.

Through the month of June during the 10:45 a.m. worship service, we will be changing our style of music.

In response to Rev. Zehr's sermon on "Raising the Standard - Reaching a Seeking Generation" the worship task force has been studying and attending churches that are attracting young adults.

The main attraction for people who had left the church and are trying to find their way back to God was the music. Worship services they used to go to had seemed boring, stilted, slow music, singing hymns that used words that seemed irrelevant.

In the churches that are growing, the music has changed to a more upbeat praise oriented service. Instead of the organ, they use synthesizer, piano, drums, guitar, which gives a different feel and sound to the songs they sing. They still sing "Holy, Holy, Holy" but with different instruments and rhythm it feels like a new song.

During the four Sundays of June we will try this different style of music and give people a change to give feed back after they experience it!

We will still have our traditional service at 8:15 a.m. with organ, liturgy and traditional hymns.

Our worship team for the 10:45 service will include Becca Widmer, Brian Prechtel, Kevin Hege, Jack Lindsay, Jim Davis. Come and check it out!

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SATURDAY, JUNE 3

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Birthdays-June 4-10

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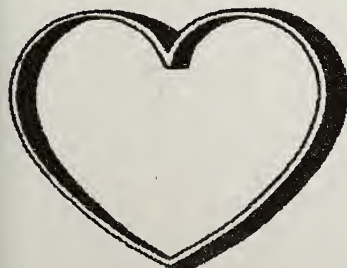
PENTECOST SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 4

This Sunday is the birthday of the church. We want everyone to wear RED in honor of the Holy Spirit that awakened within the disciples on that special day!



GRADUATE SUNDAY JUNE 11

We will honor all of our graduates during the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 11. We hope all graduates and their families will be able to attend!



FESTIVAL OF MARRIAGE SATURDAY, JUNE 3

It's not too late to register for the Festival of Marriage!
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If we are serious about "reaching a new generation for Christ", we have to be willing to change some ways of presenting the gospel!

Thanks to Kevin Hege, Brian Precht, and Becca Widmer for the work on the worship task force as we explored these issues of worship and reaching the unchurched.

Shannon Lutz was also a part of this task force, and this was a big dream for her. We will dedicate the service on Sunday to her memory.

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Thelma Onion is home from St. Joseph Medical Center.

Our sympathy is extended to Gene and Eileen Klepfer in the recent death of Gene's brothers wife, Martha Klepfer. She died May 22 in Vincennes.

Dick Mory is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

John Kelly is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Bev Hendricks is home from Parkview Hospital.

Welcome to Mike Halekowsky who joined First Christian Church last Sunday! Mike's address is: 1115 Edgewater Avenue 46805. Phone: 422-8817.

A SPECIAL "THANK YOU"

Thank you to Rev. Jerry Zehr for his hospital visits, and all our church family for cards, concerns and prayers. That comfort is felt through this time.

Jack and Sue Brickley



Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your student minister these last few months. It has been a joy to be onstaff in the congregation that has nurtured my faith for the last 18 years.

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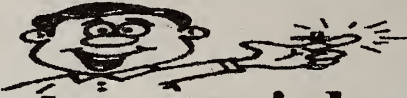
I have enjoyed working with the youth. They are indeed very special people. I thank them and especially Jennifer Mounsey for putting up with my inexperience and spotty planning.

I wish to thank Jerry and Diane for making me feel a real part of the ministerial staff. They always made me feel as a welcomed colleague. By the way, staff meetings won't be the same without me!

And finally, a special hug for my MSC (Ministerial Support Committee), Ellen Duncan, Janet Weicker, Charles Linn, and the chairperson, Dick Mey. This committee nurtured me, prayed with me, and advised me and I am truly indebted to their hard work.

Thank you all, so much and I covet your prayers as I continue my studies at C.T.S.

Pat Mullen



Take special note

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

NEEDED

Summertime is here and we need **your** help. If you would like to sign up for coffee hour, call Karen Bushey at 747-3770. All dates in the summer are opened!!

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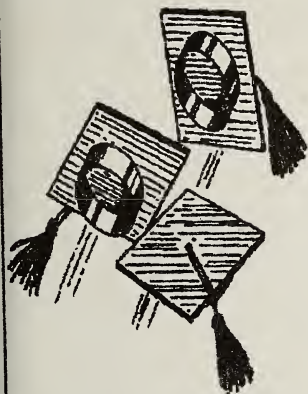
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NEWCOMER'S LUNCHEON JUNE 11 - 12:00 NOON

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We will have time to talk about the different programs of the church, explain some of the history of our church, and answer any questions you may have.

There will be child care available.

Please call the church office to make your reservations at 744-3239.



It's time to register your child(ren) in Vacation Bible School.

Call the church office (744-3239) or bring the registration form insert found in your Tidings to church this Sunday!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Greetings in the Lord! Now that my first season as Director of Choirs is completed, I wanted to take a moment to tell you all how much I enjoyed this opportunity to serve First Christian Church.



I was extremely pleased with the overall performance of our choir this year. We lost a number of key vocalists due to things like relocation and personal commitments, but the group that remained was very steadfast in their approach and did very well. I am proud of their work and their commitment to ministry. I would also like to publicly thank Phyllis Lahr for her tremendous skill in accompanying the choir. Her contribution was invaluable to our success.

This year was the first time I had ever conducted a bell choir. It was a tremendous learning experience for me. I spent a large part of this year becoming aware of what such a group is capable of. We performed a wide range of music in terms of difficulty. The Carillon, as did the choir, responded well to this challenge as well as becoming familiar with, and responding to, a new director. My personal gratitude goes to those more experienced ringers, especially Casey Clarke, who helped me interpret the special notation for bells and gave me some ringing lessons.

The children were a joy to work with this year. We learned a lot of new songs, some of which we were able to share with all of you. Of course, they are all so full of such positive energy; they were a large part of getting me energized for our worship.

I would also like to publicly thank our soloists and other instrumentalists who played such an important part of our worship this year. Their ministry was greatly appreciated by all who heard them.

I am excited about the new music we are going to be using in June and I hope you will all be able to participate in this new worship experience. I also look forward to serving our Vacation Bible School and to working with everyone again next fall. Until then, may the Peace of Christ be with all of you.

Your Brother in Christ,

Kevin Hege

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O. McDougale, E. Yeoman**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, A. Cook, C. Byrket**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, Dv. Rinker, Db.
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J. Kelly - B. Kelly

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K. Graham - S. Knuckles

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7:00 p.m. Teacher's Meeting

7:00 p.m. Men's Life Group

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

12:00 noon D.M.A. Picnic

9:30 p.m. Softball at Franke Park

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

7:00 p.m. Co-Ed Life Group at Church's

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

8:30 a.m. Congregational Men's Breakfast

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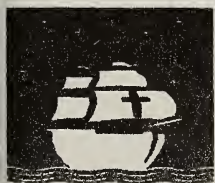
This is such a fine way to introduce your friends and neighbors to life at First Christian Church. Let's all make a special effort to bring our own families and others as well.

There will not be an adult class this year, but adults are certainly welcome to join us for the opening 6:30 - 7:00 and for our closings from 8:15 - 8:45. By coming for the opening and closing you'll sing with us, see the story of the day presented by our drama troupe, and share a part of your child's experience.

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO REGISTER ALL WHO WANT TO ATTEND. THIS IS IMPORTANT TO DO NOW SO WE CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY TO BE SURE AND HAVE ENOUGH SUPPLIES AND REFRESHMENTS FOR ALL.

MORE QUESTIONS? CALL DIANE ZEHR AT 744-3239.

P.S. Thanks to Jerry Zehr for the idea of the ship you see by our sign and to Dick Mey and Leo Heimann for constructing it!



From Here to Zehr

I have two items I would like to lift up to you this week in this article.

First: our first Sunday for the contemporary music went very well. I want to thank Brian Precht, Becca Widmer, Jack Lindsay, Kevin Hege, Jim Davis and Franco Holder for all of their work. The feedback was positive, but we did hear concern about the volume of the music being too loud and this will be adjusted. I hope people will give it a chance over the next four weeks. We will still have our traditional service at 8:15 for people who feel more comfortable with that type of music.

Second item: Sunday we installed Doris Mather as our Minister of Pastoral Care, Terry Anderson as our Minister of Counseling, and Scott Brunsting as our Youth Outreach Director. There will be a fuller description of their background and responsibilities for the church in the newsletter.

Pray for these new staff members, pray for our Vacation Bible School ministry, and please pray for our Youth Sports Summer Program that is starting next week!

I thank God for all the people who are really giving a special effort of ministry this summer!

Peace,

Jerry

**SUMMER SUNDAYS FOR KIDS AT FIRST
GOD'S AMAZING DEEDS.....**

This will be taught by the men of First Christian Church. This 10 week program will begin on July 2 and finish September 3.

On September 10 we'll resume our Journey through the Bible.

**SUNDAY MORNING CLASS
FOR POST HIGH AND
COLLEGE AGE
TO BEGIN JUNE 4
9:30-10:30 A.M.
IN CHOIR ROOM
NEXT TO UPPER ROOM**

Ken Taylor and Chuck Ewing will be leading a Sunday class for 18-25 year olds beginning June 4 at 9:30 a.m.

We hope you'll be there to grow in faith, see some friends and enjoy an hour of fellowship and learning together.



♥ Hugging is healthy:
It helps the body's immune
system, it cures depression,
it reduces stress,
it induces sleep,
it's invigorating,
it's rejuvenating,
it has no unpleasant
side effects, and hugging
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miracle drug.

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and, of course, fully

returnable.
Author Unknown

Joys & Concerns

Dick Mory is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Opal Carper is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Judy Mey is at home recovering from a head injury.

Kris Ohneck will be installed this weekend as C.W.F. State President at the Indiana Regional Retreat for Women at DePauw University. Many of our women will be attending this retreat and Diane Zehr will be leading the service of installation.



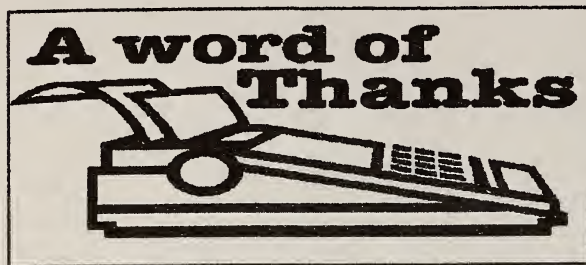
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PLAN NOW TO ATTEND



A special thank you to Rev. Jerry Zehr and our church family for their hospital visits, prayers, cards and phone calls.

Your kindness and concerns was appreciated and will be remembered always.

In Christian Love,

John & Brenda Kelly

Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for making my last day on staff very special. I confess I have not finished reading the Bible dictionaries as yet, but I know I will use them a lot.

Thanks for the birthday song, and I thought the balloon ascension was a nice touch.

Also a hug and thanks to the youth group for the lovely flowers and note of thanks. I love you all.

Yours in Christ,

Pat



Take special note

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Summertime is here and we need your help. If you would like to sign up for coffee hour, call Karen Bushey at 747-3770. All dates in the summer are opened!!

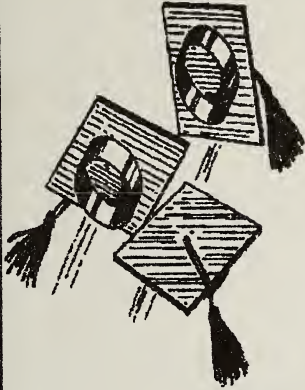
Thank you.

C.W.F. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The meeting that was scheduled for Saturday, June 10, needs to be changed to Saturday, June 24 at 9:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars!

FATHER'S DAY UGLY TIE CONTEST

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Brandon Falbe
Lindsay Miller
Sara Glasgow

Eric Dawe
Jessica Palmer
Tracy Critell

This Sunday, June 11 during our Second Service we will be recognizing our seniors. If you are graduating and your name is not on this list, please call the office to let us know at 744-3239.

SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAM STARTING MONDAY, JUNE 12

On Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 we will have a youth sports ministry.

Grades 6th-12th youth will be invited. We need adults who will participate with the young people as coaches and mentors. The adults will be able to play as well.

We will be able to reach out to the youth in our neighborhood and help them develop positive relationships with others, God, and themselves.

We need men and women to come either night. If you want more information, call Jerry Zehr, Charlie Hatten, or Ron Wise, or just come on Monday, June 12 or Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.

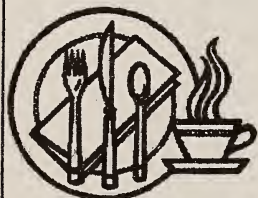
CALLING ALL MEN!



Don't forget about the men's congregational prayer breakfast this Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Ternae Jordan and some men from his program "Stop the Madness" will be our guests.

This will be an important gathering for the men of First Christian. We will be discussing issues surrounding the increased violence in our society including racism, as well as how to mentor the next generation. Please make it a point to attend!



NEWCOMER'S LUNCHEON JUNE 11 - 12:00 NOON

If you have been worshipping with us over the past couple of months but have not joined the church, we invite you to be our guest at our Newcomer's Luncheon on June 11 after the second service.

We will have time to talk about the different programs of the church, explain some of the history of our church, and answer any questions you may have.

There will be child care available.

Please call the church office to make your reservations at 744-3239.

OPEN YOUR DOOR TO THE WORLD

Volunteer families are needed in our area to host French, Spanish and German teens for 4 weeks during July or August. The students speak English, have insurance and spending money. Families share their home and daily activities while making their summer more interesting and enriching! The visit is sponsored by NACEL CULTURAL EXCHANGES, a non-profit organization. For more information and applications contact the state office, Lin & Frank Felske, 57342 Necedah Drive, Elkhart, IN 46516 or call 1-800-234-6824. Local Representatives will then contact you personally to answer any questions.

WELCOME DORIS MATHER AS MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE

Doris has a BA in Bible and Religion from Beaver College, a MA in Counseling Psychology from Ball State University and attended Princeton Theological Seminary studying Pastoral Care and Counseling. She was a consultant in leadership development at Lancaster Theological Seminary and has trained hundreds of lay persons to become church visitors. She worked for two years as a counselor and adult outreach worker for West Central Neighborhood Ministry. She continues as a chaplain (20 hours weekly) at St. Joseph Medical Center where she has served for over 11 years and is on the staff of the Samaritan Counseling Center.

She will be on staff at First Christian Church for 10 hours a week working with our shut-ins and new members.

FROM DORIS.....

I look forward with great anticipation to being a member of your staff at First Christian Church. Your sense of fellowship and service is to be commended.

I enjoyed worshipping with you and sharing on the Sunday of my Installation.

Having been a minister's wife for over 35 years, I have been involved in most aspects of church life. I believe in the "community of saints" and know that as human beings it takes us awhile to become "connected." Therefore, I especially look forward to helping new members become assimilated into the congregation (as well as myself).

As a hospital chaplain for over 10 years, I have grown to appreciate the wisdom and life experiences of elderly people so I know I will be enriched by visiting homebound members and hope that I can minister to them as well.

WEEK OF COMPASSION UPDATES....

Week of Compassion continues to work with the Christian Church in Oklahoma, FCC, Oklahoma City and Church World Service is responding to needs following the April 19 bombing. To date more than \$20,000 for relief and recovery efforts in Oklahoma City has been provided.

SERVING JUNE 11**ELDERS**

8:15 a.m. John Ohneck & Ralph Church
 10:45 a.m. Gene Klepfer & Eileen Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. G. Brown, A. Knappenberger,
 B. Lindsay, J. Lindsay
 10:45 a.m. K. Place, E. Place, L. Berry, A.
 Moll, D. Heimann, L. Heimann, L. Brey,
 S. Brey

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, M. Hutchinson, M. Hartman
 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, K. Place, H. Banet,
 D.J. Rinker

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EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Marlo Quick

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Lauren Ewing

CHURCH CALENDAR**SATURDAY, JUNE 10**

8:30 a.m. Congregational Men's Breakfast

SAT. JUNE 10-SUN. JUNE 11

Indiana Regional Retreat for Women at
 DePauw University

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service
 9:30 a.m. Church School
 10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service
 12:00 noon Newcomers Luncheon

MONDAY, JUNE 12

7:00 p.m. Teacher's Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Men's Life Group

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 5:45 p.m. Softball Game at Franke Park
 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

7:00 p.m. Aboite Life Group

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

8:30 a.m. South Side Futuring Conference
 at Taylor University

Birthdays-June 18-24

Fern Kenline(18), Bernice
 Montgomery(18), Gene Auer(18), Gary
 Hall(18), Eve Gorman(18), Don Parlette(19),
 Joan Penny(20), Orie McDougale(21), Jim
 Bond(21), Shawn Cobb(21), Linda
 Merrick(22), Jack Weicker(23), Kurt
 Schryver(23), Jack Lindsay(24)

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SEARCHING FOR FAITH TREASURES VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 19-22
6:30 - 8:45 P.M.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD YET?

Ahoy Mates! We're setting sail for our treasure hunt that will be launched the evening of June 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

We'll dock at different ports each night and learn the value of our faith and how Jesus helps us find those treasures in life that we appreciate and for which we give thanks to God.

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO REGISTER ALL WHO WANT TO ATTEND. THIS IS IMPORTANT TO DO NOW SO WE CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY TO BE SURE AND HAVE ENOUGH SUPPLIES AND REFRESHMENTS FOR ALL.

MORE QUESTIONS? CALL DIANE ZEHR AT 744-3239.

From Here to Zehr

Following is a "Dear Abbey" letter to Dr. Bern:

Dear Dr. Bern: Our church is rockin' and I'm fumin'. We used to worship in a small family-oriented church where virtually all the parishioners knew each other by name. It was quite traditional with organ music, hour-long sermons and well-dressed parishioners.

Now, with a new pastor who likes to swing with the "baby boomers" at our socials, it has become a super church of thousands. Not only is it so huge that I don't know half the congregation, but the old hymns are gone and worshipers sit there tapping their feet and swaying their bodies to rock music. It's positively obscene.

My wife and I feel that church-goers should not be entertained; we should all be reading scripture, listening to a good old-fashioned sermon and reflecting on our sins. Instead, our church pushes religion with jazz, rock music, dance, videos and billboards. Now, what do you say to that? — Hot and Bothered in Houston.

I say, "Hallelujah! It's about time." I'm solidly behind any pastor, rabbi, minister or priest who makes a heroic effort to bring people back to houses of worship. Whatever it takes is OK with me. Instead of nodding our heads over a boring sermon, we can come alive with an inspiring message interspersed between a jazz combo or a rock trio. Religion should be part of contemporary living and

smart church leaders are beginning to realize this by changing our image of houses of worship.

I thought this was an interesting article, it was entitled "Rock 'n' roll religion". Our purpose of the contemporary music is not to replace the traditional, but to expand our worship experience to reach people of all generations. We will always have a traditional service but can we broaden our vision of worship? I know it is difficult to change our taste, but wasn't Jesus trying to do some of the same things by speaking in parables, and moving beyond the ritualistic ways of the Pharisees?

The next two Sundays we will be having a survey in the worship service to get your feedback on the new type of music.

Peace,

Jerry

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FROM SCOTT ALAN BRUNSTING

A little about myself. I am 20 years old and a junior at Taylor University-Fort Wayne Campus.

I am studying Pastoral ministries and hope to continue with my education further after college.

I come from a family of 10, including twin brother, 4 younger brothers and 2 younger sisters.

I felt the Lord calling me into full-time ministry while I was a sophomore in high school, and answered that calling by enrolling at Taylor.

I met a wonderful young woman my freshman year at Taylor, and she has been such a blessing in encouraging me to do my best with the gifts that the Lord has given me to help my ministry.

During these summer months, I will be directing the summer outreach program here at First Christian as well as visiting those in the hospital, those who are new members, and those that are in prison. I will also be working with Jerry in helping out with the youth Sunday school class.

I am excited that the Lord has given me this opportunity to minister here at First Christian Church, and hope that I can get to know some of you along the way as well!

JOYS & CONCERNS

Dick Mory remains a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Opal Carper remains a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Donald Kampenga will have cataract surgery this week.

Jack and Bobbie Lindsay's granddaughter will have surgery next week.

Our prayers are with Mildred Hartman as her sister Carol is in the hospital.

Our prayers are also with Marge and Art Thomas as their son is in the hospital recovering from a heart attack.

Congratulations to Linda Cobb as she graduated from IPFW last month.

**CAMPER RECOGNITION
THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 18
SECOND SERVICE**

SERVING JUNE 18**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Lauren Ewing & Delores Keebortz**10:45 a.m.** E. Vanderwall & D. Vanderwall**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Arnold, M. Arnold, J. Young,
N. Knappenberger**10:45 a.m.** J. Bushey, K. Bushey, J.
McGrew, J. Mey, B. Glasgow, J. Davis,
B. Prechtl, M. Prechtl**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, S. Rudy, C. Davis**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, E. Vandergriff, C.
Falbe, T. Hatten**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

D. Keebortz - B. Hendricks

C. Ludwig - G. Brown

D. Vanderwall - C. Ewing

D. Mey - A. Moll

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Lindsay's & J. Mey

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Julia Arnold

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Ken Taylor

Team II - Bob Smith & Andy Cook

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS**8:15 a.m.** Mildred Hutchinson**CHURCH CALENDAR****SATURDAY, JUNE 17**

8:30 a.m. S.S. Futuring Conference at Taylor

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

7:30 p.m. Festival Choir at United Methodist
Church in Monroeville, IN**MONDAY, JUNE 19**

6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

6:30 p.m. Summer Sports Program

7:00 p.m. Women's Life Group

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

6:30 p.m. Summer Sports Program

7:00 p.m. Co-Ed Life Group at Church's

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Birthdays**June 25 - July 1**Beth Doebrman(25), Lois Buchanan(27),
Caren Wise(28), Dwain Graham(28), Mildred
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We invite you to an evening of gentle sharing and some teaching by our Minister of Counseling, Rev. Terry Anderson, the Executive Director of the Fort Wayne Samaritan Counseling Center.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP FEEDBACK

This Sunday we will want people during the second service to give us feedback on the new style of music we are having during the 10:45 a.m. service.

On Sunday, July 2 at 6:00 p.m. we will have a focus group for anyone to come and dialogue about the feedback we will have received, and forming of decisions we will make at that time.

From Here to Zehr

This last Monday, Andy Lutz and the family announced the formation of the Shannon Lutz Foundation.

This is a non-profit foundation that will be set up to take in funds for a reward for the murderer of Shannon Lutz. Their monies received after the reward money is reached will be used for community programs to stop violence in our streets.

If you would like to give money for a reward, please mail donation to: Shannon Lutz Foundation, P.O. Box 10584, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46853-0584.

Peace,

Jerry

D.M.A.
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
AUGUST 1**

A fun filled tour of Honeywell Center in Wabash. Lunch at Eugenia's followed by a tour of the Spiece Museum.

We will meet and leave from the church. A reminder and more information to follow in July.

Have a great 4th of July, no DMA meeting scheduled.

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For more information, please contact:

Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County
602 East Wayne Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 - (219)422-3528

A word of Thanks



Friends at First,

I hope you all know by now that the people at First Christian Church are an important part of my life.

Without the nurture and support of each of you along the way, I would just be another person in the pew on Sunday mornings.

Thank you for the guidance, assistance, and encouragement to make me grow and become capable of taking the position of President of the Indiana Region Commission for Women.

The gifts given to me by Diane Zehr and Mildred Hartman will be cherished for years to come.

**God's Blessings-
Kris Ohneck**

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Margaret Snouffer is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Our prayers are with **Bob Byers** as he will have hip surgery this week at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Our prayers are with **Ressie Ehresman** who resides at St. Arne's Nursing Home.

Congratulations to **Eve Gorman** and her family on Eve's baptism and membership into the church last Sunday, June 18. Confession was given February 26, Thank you to her mentor **Sue Oden**.

Congratulations also to **Carrie Forguson** as she joined First Christian Church on Sunday, June 18. Carrie's address is 1632 Sinclair St. 46808. Phone: 424-2965. Welcome Carrie!

Our prayers are with **David, Deb, D.J. and Brian Rinker** as they move from Fort Wayne. Their new address is: 11605 Morenci, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112.

SERVING JUNE 25**ELDERS**

8:15 a.m. Mildred Hartman & Bill Crouse

10:45 a.m. Jane Walsh & Charles Hatten

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Marilyn & Orie McDougale

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Sue Brey

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Bob & Bev Hendricks

Team II - Don & Sue Oden

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. John Ohneck

CHURCH CALENDAR**SUNDAY, JUNE 25**

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

MONDAY, JUNE 26

6:30 p.m. Summer Sports Program

7:00 p.m. Men's Life Group

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

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**Birthdays
July 2-8**Steve Kreischer(2), Shirley Dibble(3),
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CAPITAL BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Has anyone seen the **SURVEY** of the church? (This is a document that shows the location of all the utilities and lot lines that the church property sits on). If you know anything about where this document might be located, contact the church office.

The Capital Committee has signed a contract with Martin Riley Mock Architects, to continue with the building plans. The schedule calls for the committee to keep meeting with the Architects throughout June, July and August. The final plan will be ready to take bids in September. After the bids are in, the church board and the entire congregation will have the opportunity to vote on it. Committee members include: Kathy Blocher, Larry Brey, Tom Bushey, Dave Kreischer, Jerry Medlin, Roger Moll, and Marlo Quick.

From Here to Zehr

Thanks to all who helped with Vacation Bible School. We had a wonderful experience. Thanks especially to Rev. Diane Zehr for all her gifts of creativity and organization. Each year she amazes us all with the wonderful themes and material she writes. We have over 100 children whose lives were touched by Christ in just 4 evenings.

Following is a poem that lifts up a positive challenge for all of us to live by who come in contact with children.

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

By Dorothy Law Nolte

*"If children live with criticism,
They learn to condemn.*

*If children live with hostility,
They learn to fight.*

*If children live with ridicule,
They learn to be shy.*

*If children live with shame,
They learn to feel guilty.
If children live with tolerance,
They learn to be patient.
If children live with encouragement,
They learn confidence.
If children live with praise,
They learn to appreciate.
If children live with fairness,
They learn justice.
If children live with security,
They learn to have faith.
If children live with approval,
They learn to like themselves.
If children live with acceptance and
friendship,
They learn to fine love in the world."*

Peace,

Jerry

D.M.A. HONEYWELL TOUR AT WABASH TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

Meet at the church by 9:30 a.m. - leave at 9:45 a.m.

Tour at 11:00 a.m. Takes 1 hour. \$2.00 per person.

Lunch at Eugenia's at 12:30 p.m. Order from the menu.

Tour Spiece Museum at 1:45 p.m. - no charge.

Please call the church office for reservations. Deadline is July 21. **WILL YOU DRIVE OR NEED A RIDE?**



The **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** will not meet in July. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8.

ALSO.....

THERE WILL NOT BE A NEWSLETTER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

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Afterwards, we will clean the kitchen. Please mark your calendar!

SERVING JULY 2**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Ralph Church & Charles Ludwig**10:45 a.m.** Gene Klepfer & John Kelly**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** M. Bier, K. Blocher, T. Knuckles,**10:45 a.m.** D. Heimann, L. Heimann, M.

McDougle, O. McDougle, L. McFarland,

M. McFarland, J. Mey, A. Moll

USHERS**8:15 a.m.** J. Ott,**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew,**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

C. Ewing - N. Knappenberger

B. Franklin - K. Bushey

J. Kelly - C. Falbe

S. Hayes - E. Place

COMMUNION PREPARATION

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Lynn Medlin

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Nick & Alison Knappenberger

Team II - Ralph & Judy Church

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July 9-29**

David Kreischer(9), David Griggs(9),

Janet Myers(9), Alice Nulf(10), Marge

Thomas(11), Judy Markley(12), Darwin

Tomes(14), Erma Vanderwall(17), Thelma

Swift(17), Barbara Clevenger(17), Sue

Oden(18), George Davis(18), Sherry

Lytle(20), Brooke Spencer(20), D.J.

Rinker(22), Jackson Phomsoupha(22), Johnny

Phomsoupha(22), Mary Wilhelm(23), Dustin

McEvoy(23), Forrest Smith(24), Alisha

Stover(24), Kristie Howard(25), Woody

Klepfer(26), Glenn Miller(27), Sue Brey(27),

Kevin Bozarth(28)

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D.M.A. HONEYWELL TOUR AT WABASH TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

Meet at the church by 9:30 a.m. - leave at 9:45 a.m.

Tour at 11:00 a.m. Takes 1 hour. \$2.00 per person.

Lunch at Eugenia's at 12:30 p.m. Order from the menu.

Tour Spiece Museum at 1:45 p.m. - no charge.

Please call the church office for reservations. Deadline is July 21. **WILL YOU**

DRIVE OR NEED A RIDE?

SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAM SURVIVES THE HEAT!

We have had a great turn out of neighborhood teenagers and adults from our church for our sports outreach program. Even though the heat dampened attendance last week, we have averaged between 15-20 youth.

We play basketball and volleyball on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00. We have a half time break with a lesson or talk about Biblical value in relationship to athletics and team play.

It has been a great time. If you are a youth, grades 6th-12th, boys and girls, come on out. If you're an adult who likes to play, come and help mentor our young people!

From Here to Zehr

Vacation was great but I'm looking forward to getting things ready for the fall. We had a very good feed back session on the contemporary worship experience.

We received a large response from our survey about the new worship style. We had 75% who were very positive and excited about the new variety of music we introduced into the second worship service. The 25% ranged from liking some of it mixed with traditional to some who wanted only the traditional.

In the feed back session we had over 30 people who discussed this new approach. There was a sincere interest in hearing each persons ideas and trying to find a common ground through the discussion. It was a general consensus in the group that we will try to find a way of blending the contemporary music with the traditional.

There will be an effort made to make

sure there is a more reflective part of the service as well. Also, there was some good feed back on the presentation of the music and how we can make it more worshipful and not be as much of a performance style.

Everyone agreed that we needed to embrace our theme "Reaching New Generations for Christ" and realized that part of the way we reach the unchurched will be in our worship style and music.

None of this will happen until the fall, but I know it will be an exciting time for our church.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. I look forward to being in the "pulpit" on Sunday. I hope you'll be in the "pew."

SHANNON LUTZ FOUNDATION FORMED

The purpose of this foundation is to raise a reward for the capture and conviction of the perpetrator who ended her life. Remaining monies will be used for various community projects as designated by the foundation's board of trustees.

If you would like to support our efforts to generate a reward and benefit our community, please complete the information below and make your gift payable to the Shannon Lutz Foundation, Inc. and mail to: The Shannon Lutz Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 10584, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46853-0584. Thank you.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE _____

ZIP CODE _____

A word of Thanks



Dear Friends,

Once again the prayers from First Christian have ascended right to heaven. Dick is progressing remarkably well. We are grateful for your prayers, your calls, your cards, and your love and concern.

Love,

Dick and Diane Mory



Dear Friends,

I'm settled in at St. Mary's, Ohio, Otterbein Retirement Home. I have a lovely 1 bedroom patio home with attached garage. I'm enjoying Grand Lake with a channel that runs by my enclosed 8x16 3 seasoned patio.

My son, Dr. Mike and Martha just gave me another granddaughter, Michelle. She was born on June 6. They live in Lima, only 25 miles from me.

I would enjoy company from Fort Wayne, however, call me first at 1-419-394-6539.

Charline Craig

Joys & Concerns

Grant Woodward is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Thelma Onion is home from the hospital.

Our sympathy is extended to Mildred Hartman in the recent death of her brother.

The Lord
is near
to All who
call on
Him.

Psalms 145:18

NEEDED.....

We are looking for someone two days per week (Mondays and Wednesdays) for child care for our 6 month old daughter beginning the end of August.

Location: north Coldwater Road.

If interested, or if you know of someone who might be interested, please call Kelli or Gary Kern at 489-0925.

SERVING JULY 23**ELDERS**

8:15 a.m. Bill Crouse & Charles Ewing

10:45 a.m. Dick Vanderwall & Sue Oden

DIACONATE & GREETERS8:15 a.m. M. Arnold, J. Arnold, K. Blocher,
N. Knappenberger10:45 a.m. E. Duncan, C. Falbe, D.
Heimann, L. Heimann, L. McFarland, M.
McFarland, J. McGrew, E. Yeoman**USHERS**

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, D. Graham, K. Graham

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, J. McGrew, B.
Stover, K. Howard**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

E. Rieke, A. Moll, J. Mounsey

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Sue Brey

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bond's

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I -

Team II - Don & Sue Oden

CHURCH CALENDAR**SUNDAY, JULY 23**

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

MONDAY, JULY 24

7:00 p.m. Women's Life Group

TUESDAY, JULY 25

5:45 p.m. Softball at McMillen #3

Birthdays**July 30-August 5**

Laura Bowser(31), Glenn Miller(1),
Wanda Howell(1), Margaret Snouffer(1),
Mary Lou Hartzler(1), Dick Mory(1), Lori
Lewis(1), Kelly Walsh(1), Christopher
Olson(3), Gloria Phillips(4), Karen Lands(4)

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A SUMMER OUTING FOR CHILDRENS' S.S. CLASSES TO CHAIN-OF-LAKES PARK



On Sunday morning, August 6, our children (3 years old - 5th grades) will be taking a trip to Chain of Lakes Park. Accompanied by their Sunday School teachers they will leave the church at 8:45 a.m. and return by 12:30 a.m.

At the park we'll be doing a "Pond Probe" looking for all kinds of God's creatures. We'll be led by Angie Quinn, the mother of two of our kids, Polly and Jacob. Angie is the naturalist at the park.

Summer is a great time to explore and wonder at God's world. You'll want to make a special effort to make this time and experience possible for your child.

**August 6 - Sunday
8:45 a.m. - leave the church
12:30 p.m. - return to church**

From Here to Zehr

Many of you have asked how you might participate in the Foundation for Shannon Lutz. You will soon receive a letter about the Foundation with information about raising money for a reward to help the police gain information on this homicide.

On Tuesday, August 1 at 7:00 p.m. a tree will be planted in loving memory of Shannon Lutz on the esplanade in front of Andrew's home.

There will be a special ceremony and Andrew would like to invite the congregation to come for this special occasion.

The address is 4726 South Wayne Avenue.

Peace,

Jerry

**NEEDED:
YOUNG PEOPLE, YOUNG AT HEART,
AND FUN LOVING YOUTH GROUPS!**

3rd Annual Great Sleepout

Come and hear testimonies of Christ's power given by Mission Residents

*Praise the Lord all night with super entertainment provided by area professionals, churches and youth groups with sound and lights donated by Quantum Music Group, Inc. of Fort Wayne!

*Be inspired by the midnight candlelight communion service!

*Wake up to the sunrise worship service and free breakfast provided by the Mission!

Outdoor Concert * Free Admission * Donations Accepted

Featuring...

Kids on the Block Puppets
(Fort Wayne Civitan Club)

Javelin (Christian Rock Band-Defiance, OH) (Holy Trinity Lutheran, Harlan, IN)

M.C.—Destiny(Christian Rap Artist)

Jesus Flying Rockiest (Findley, OH)
Genesis & Christ Kids Youth Groups
Kirstin Kurtz, Soloist(Harlan, IN)

A word of Thanks



The following letter was received by Ken Taylor:

Dear Ken,

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to write to you and extend thanks to you on behalf of the region for your outstanding leadership in the **Build Barbee** dining hall improvements. It's been a very gratifying experience to see the improvement take shape. Without your sustained and competent leadership, it would not have come to the successful conclusion that it has.

You have made your mark in building a foundation for our young peoples' and retreat ministries for the years ahead. I give thanks unto God for this dedication of your gifts to these ends.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks to you for your special efforts.

**Sincerely in Christ,
C. Edward Weisheimer
Regional Minister**

joys
&
concerns

Kristin Byers had gall bladder surgery several weeks ago.

Congratulations to Phyllis Lahr in the recent birth of her great granddaughter!

Grant Woodward is home from Lutheran Hospital.

NEEDED.....

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Location: north Coldwater Road.

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CWF PLANNING MEETING

CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) will hold a planning meeting for all women of the church on Saturday, August 5 at 9:00 a.m.

All are invited to attend this important meeting!

SERVING JULY 30**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Charles Ludwig & Charles Hatten**10:45 a.m.** Bill Franklin & Dave Kreischer**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** M. Bier, G. Brown, D. Keebortz,
T. Knuckles**10:45 a.m.** L. Bowser, M. McDougale, O.
McDougale, E. Place, K. Place, B. Smith,
J. Brickley, S. Brickley**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, M. Hutchinson, M. Hartman**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, T. Hatten, B. Bond,
H. Banet**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

L. Ewing - M. Mullen

E. Conrad - J. Arnold

E. Vanderwall - K. Blocher

E. Klepfer - S. Brickley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M. Arnold, J. Arnold, M. Bier

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Jean Sheets

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Vanderwall/Quick

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I -

Team II -

CHURCH CALENDAR**SUNDAY, JULY 30****8:15 a.m.** First Worship Service**9:30 a.m.** Church School**10:45 a.m.** Second Worship Service**MONDAY, JULY 31****6:30 p.m.** Summer Sports Program**7:00 p.m.** Administrative Ministry Meeting**TUESDAY, AUGUST 1****9:30 a.m.** DMA meet at church to leave for
tour at Honeywell**5:45 p.m.** Softball at McMillen #3**7:00 p.m.** Ceremony & tree planting in
memory of Shannon Lutz, 4726
South Wayne Avenue**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2****6:30 p.m.** Summer Sports Program**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5****9:00 a.m.** CWF Planning Meeting**Birthdays****August 6-12**Laura Krouse(8), Elizabeth Moody(8),
Ronald Elliott(8), Orda Glentzer(9), Linda
Wiley(9), Beverly Johnston(10), Charline
Craig(10), John Ohneck(11), Marilyn
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Summer is a great time to explore and wonder at God's world. You'll want to make a special effort to make this time and experience possible for your child.

THIS SUNDAY, TOM DIDIER, SOLOIST

Tom Didier will be ministering to us this Sunday at both services with his special brand of song. Tom has appeared in many local theater productions in this area including "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat" and "Cinderella", as well as being a very popular musician at local weddings.

He will bring his Christian witness to us with his music. It will be a worship experience you will not want to miss!

From Here to Zehr

Many times people in the church will ask, where can I help serve the Lord? There is a ministry where we need some people who want to serve in a capacity that is not too demanding. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday's our food bank is opened from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

The volunteers help to bag the food for the people in need. Wes Westerfield is in charge of our volunteers. His phone number is 485-9351.

All the volunteers are on a rotating basis so no one works all the time.

If you could give a morning a month or a week, call Wes. He will explain the ministry in further detail.

Following is a poem entitled "Risk" that I have used in my personal meditation this week.

I hope you enjoy it!

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool.

To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.

To reach out for another is to risk involvement.

To expose feelings is to risk exposing your true self.

To place your ideas, your dreams, before a crowd is to risk their loss.

To love is to risk not being loved in return.

To live is to risk dying.

To hope is to risk failure.

But risks must be taken.

Because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.

If you risk nothing and do nothing, you dull your spirit.

You may avoid suffering and sorrow, But you cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love and live.

Chained by your attitude, you are a slave.

You have forfeited your freedom.

Only if you risk are you free.

Peace,
Jerry

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FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS NEED YOUR HELP!

The food bank volunteers and the Baby Closet volunteers are sweltering in this heat due to no air conditioning.

If you have or know of someone who may have an air conditioner to donate to the church, please call the office.



We wish to extend many thanks to the following who helped correlate the new membership directories that were mailed out last week: Jewel Byrket, Jo Franklin, Ruth Yentes, Jackie Keller (they are all part of our weekly volunteers who help with the Tidings mailings) and Gini Brown.

Thanks for all your help and all that you volunteer for!

joys
&
concerns

Nancy Harman has gone home from the hospital.

We are happy to announce that Ralph Church has retired from G.E. Congratulations Ralph!

FORGETTING GOD

I forgot my Lord in the summertime
 Just the time I was needed most;
 I was not away, but on each Lord's Day, failed to be at my post.
 I forgot my church in the summertime
 As I lazily lay in bed,
 While the faithful few had my work to do
 As I was spiritually dead.
 I forgot my pledge in the summer time
 When He needed it most of all;
 While my cash was spent, I was pleasure bent,
 Just off duty God 'till fall.
 If my Lord should come in the summertime
 When from duty to God I'm free,
 I wonder what I should do when my life is through;
 If by chance, He should forget me.

SERVING AUGUST 6

ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Kris Ohneck & Erma Vanderwall

10:45 a.m. Dick Mey & Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. J. Arnold, K. Blocher, N. Knappenberger, J. Young

10:45 a.m. J. Davis, C. Ewing, J. Mey, A. Moll, J. Mounsey, M. Mullen, E. Rieke, K. Taylor

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, J. Young, C. Davis

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, R. Wise, W. Bowen, S. Brey

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M. Arnold, J. Arnold, M. Bier

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Lynn Medlin

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Evelyn Yeoman

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Nick & Alison Knappenberger

Team II - Ralph & Judy Church

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

9:00 a.m. CWF Planning Meeting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

8:45 a.m. Childrens S.S. Classes to Chain-of-Lakes Park

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

6:30 p.m. Summer Sports Program

7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

9:30 p.m. Softball at McMillen #3

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

6:30 p.m. Summer Sports Program

Birthdays

August 13-19

Marge Mitchell(13), Rebecca Bowman(15), John Bohlen(17), Wilma Miller(18), Bob Bier(18), Lois Finkhausen(18), Charles Linn(19), Kirk Spencer(19)

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ATTENTION ALL YOUTH

**POOL PARTY - SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 - AFTER
SECOND SERVICE - GRADES 6TH-12TH**



At approximately 12:00 we will leave the church to go to Diane and Jerry Zehr's house for lunch and swimming. There is also a basketball court and tennis court if you don't want to swim.

Parents can pick you up at the Zehr's house, 6703 Quail Ridge Lane at 3:00 p.m.

Bring a towel and swimsuit! Let's make a splash!

NO TIME FOR GOODBYES

After our first gathering with Rev. Terry Anderson the people at the event thought it would be good to meet again. This event will be on **Sunday, August 27 at 6:00 p.m.**
at the church.

Our hope is people who were not able to come to the last event will be able to make it to this one.

This will be a time to explore issues of grief loss of loved ones and how we can deal with different emotions around our grief.

From Here to Zehr

I want to lift up two items to you this week.

First, we thank God for the ministry Kevin Hege has offered us this last year as our Director of Music. He was a fine Christian who served our church well.

We are putting together a Search Committee for a new Director and hope to have the choir in full voice this fall.

Second, I want to encourage you to attend one of the events with Dr. John Perkins and Bill McCartney. The reconciliation crusade has been designed to

bring Christians from all races together for worship and praise. See other article in newsletter for date and times.

I know we as a church are committed to ridding our society of prejudices and racism. This would be a great event to make your presence known.

There will be great music and preaching every night!

Peace,
Jerry

WORSHIP SERVICE PLANNING

The **ELDERS** have pledged to work with the Ministerial Staff, Worship Committee and others involved in the Worship planning process.

We are confident that we can find the appropriate blend of Traditional and Contemporary music to make the Worship Service an exciting experience for all age groups.

Please feel free to make inputs to this process. Let's covenant to "Pray Together" and "Stay Together." Our next meeting date will be September 19, 1995.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES!

Grace St. John's Preschool is currently accepting applications and interviewing for half-day and full-day teaching and aide positions. Please contact Donna Ransom at 745-4951 or stop by the school (4120 South Webster St.) during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Taylor University, located in Fort Wayne will begin hiring for full and part-time positions in the Campus Dining Commons.

They will be hiring full-time cooks, and salad prep people in the salad department. They are also looking for full and part-time servers, cashiers, dishwashers, catering staff and a part time secretary.

Their address is 1025 W. Rudisill Blvd. Apply in person in the cafeteria located in Founders Hall which is located on the n.e. side of Rudisill Blvd. and Indiana Avenue.

D.M.A. MEETING

Join our group as we meet on Tuesday, September 5, 1995 at the beautiful farm home of Lillian and Amos Schwartz, 13631 Spencerville Road for lunch at 11:45 a.m.

You will be overwhelmed by the tremendous lunch served family style with food grown by this Amish family.

Fresh baked bread and two desserts plus the other "treats", with soft drinks, and gratuity included will cost us \$8.00 each.

Please send your check for number of reservations needed to the church office by August 30.

KEVIN HEGE SAYS GOODBYE

This last Sunday was Kevin's final week as our Music Director.

Everyone knows the fine guitar and singing talent that Kevin was blessed with.

He has been called to use his time more as a performer than a choir director.

We wish Kevin God's speed as he develops this new venture!

JOYS & CONCERNS

Jackie Keller had surgery this week and is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Andy Cook is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

Congratulations to Jessica Hatten in the birth of a boy, Jamari, born on August 14.

Congratulations also to Jerry and Diane Zehr as their daughter, Jennifer Crouter will be married this weekend in Indianapolis.

A word of Thanks



We wish to thank the Gospel Seekers Sunday School class and CWF for their generous donations for the office to be able to purchase a laser printer.

SERVING AUGUST 20**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Bill Crouse & Charles Ewing**10:45 a.m.** Charles McGrew & Gene Klepfer**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** K. Blocher, G. Brown, N.

Knappenberger, J. Young

10:45 a.m. J. Brickley, S. Brickley, M.

McDougle, O. McDougle, J. McGrew,

K. Taylor, K. Place, B. Smith

USHERS**8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, M. Hutchinson, M. Hartman**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, J. McGrew, B.

Stover, K. Howard

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K. Blocher & G. Brown

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Julia Arnold

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Laura Bowser

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Ken Taylor

Team II - Bob Smith & Andy Cook

CHURCH CALENDAR**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20****8:15 a.m.** First Worship Service**9:30 a.m.** Church School**10:45 a.m.** Second Worship Service**Birthdays****Aug. 20-Sept. 2**

Nancy Butcher(20), Joshua Lytle(20),

Marie Redman(24), Irvin Koehlinger(25),

Julie Briggs(26), Mary Cook(28), Jerry

Medlin(28), Lindsay Miller(28), Clarence

Hendrickson(29), Gene Shirley(31), Barb

Hayes(31), Dan Moll(1), Mildred Sarrazin(1),

Mildred Jewell(1), Jason Cobb(1), Grace

Truby(2), Raymond Sarrazin(2), Evelyn

Yeoman(2),

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IT'S TIME TO COME HOME!



Fall is here, summer vacations are finished, and it's time to be in worship! September will be an exciting month for First Christian Church. We hope you'll make every effort to join us.

September 10 - Adult and Children's Sunday School classes will begin - 9:30 a.m.

Children's Worship will begin - 10:45 a.m. service.

This year we are doing something new for our children ages 3-7. Instead of Extended Session, they will have their own worship experience during the worship service. They will still join us for the beginning of the service, but will be dismissed early on in the service to go to their own worship experience.

Youth Group - 5:00 p.m. (grades 6th-12th).
P.P.P. Party - Pepsi, Pizza and Polaroids!!

September 17 - Kick-Off Sunday. Fall is Pe-Can around the corner! The C.W.F. will be selling pecan pies, pecan candy, and pecans.
The **Parent-Youth Picnic** will be at 5:00 p.m.

From Here to Zehr

I enjoy the summer but I really look forward to the fall! The weather gets cooler, leaves change and everyone gets back into church!! (I HOPE!).

There are a number of new things taking place:

1. We are getting bids on our capital project to know if our figures were realistic for the project and to bring a proposal to the congregation to vote on in late September, early October.

2. We will begin to expand our styles of music in the 10:45 a.m. service in the end of September, first of October.

3. We have a new membership class for people wanting to join the church.

4. We have the Weight Watchers meeting in our church which will bring

many new faces in our doors, and loss of weight from our staff!

My sermon theme for September and October will be "Real World - Real Faith." I will explore how our faith connects to the real issues of our lives in the 21st Century!

Have a Happy Labor Day!

Peace,
Jerry

P.S. This Sunday, Marlene Sarrazine will be our guest soloist! Some of you remember her from the last time she sang! What a voice!

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YOU'RE INVITED

We are happy to announce that Becky Krull will be baptized on Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Because this event is on a week night, Becky wanted to invite members and friends of First Christian to join her in this special occasion.



WEIGHT WATCHERS COMES TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Weight Watchers moves their location from Southgate Plaza to F.C.C.

Meeting times are:

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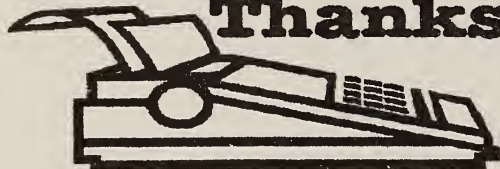
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DIRECTORY UPDATES

Don & Valetta Parlette, Kingston Residence, 7515 Winchester Road, Room 410 46819 - phone: 478-7719.

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A word of Thanks



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Joys & Concerns

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Jack Lindsay had outpatient surgery last week.

Jack Brickley is having tests.

Grant Woodward had tests and is awaiting results.

Eunice Conrad's mother, Cora Conrad, is in Ossian Health Care Center.

Congratulations to Jack Williams who was married last weekend.

Congratulations also to Kristen Byers and Alberto Pena who was married at First Christian Church last Saturday!

Our prayers are also with Mickieann, Charles, and Billy Suder as they had a fire last week in their kitchen.

On August 7, Christina Seung was born to Robert & Seung Heui Pauley. Sharon Pauley is the new grandma and Opal Carper is the great-grandmother!

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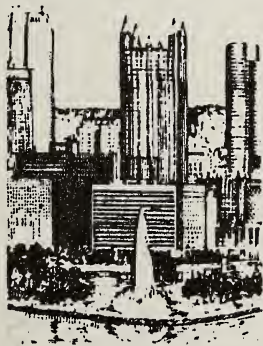
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J. Young, K. Bushey, J. Davis

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Lynn Medlin

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**EVANGELISM CALLERS**

Team I - Nick & Alison Knappenberger

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CHURCH CALENDAR**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Office Closed - Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 511:45 a.m. D.M.A. to home of Lillian &
Amos Schwartz for lunch**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

7:00 p.m. Nurture Ministry Team

**Birthdays
Sept. 3-16**

Jessica Hatten(3), Diane Mory(4), Billy Suder(4), Yvonne Fouts(6), Teresa Hatten(7), Ellen Duncan(7), Katherine Smart(8), Kris Ohneck(9), Phyllis Lahr(9), Janice Ashton(10), Ruth Plummer(12), Sandy Zimmerman(12), Rita Alexander(12), Barb Rumpel(12), Beulah Timmons(13), Edna Nordblom(15), Almeda Rice(15), Marvel Brickley(15)

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NEW MUSIC PROGRAM FOR FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

If you have some musical talent and desire to see First Christian have a meaningful music ministry, we hope you will attend an informational meeting on **Saturday, September 9 at 1:00 p.m.**

Brian Precht, who is going to be recommended to the Board of Trustees as our new Music Director, will lead the gathering as we discuss the possibilities for the music program of our church.

We would like everyone who sings or plays an instrument, whether you have been in the choir or not, to come.

Saturday, September 9 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Music in 'Ministry'

AUBREY ANDERSON TO SING THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

As a way to help us all get into church again after the summer we are fortunate to have Aubrey returning to sing in both services this Sunday. If you haven't heard him, you won't want to miss this. He is a dynamic gifted singer who will sing a couple of different musical numbers for us.

From Here to Zehr

On Thursday, September 14 I will begin an 8 week class on membership into the church.

This class will focus on prayer, the Bible, Disciple history, and our churches ministry.

If you have been a member and would like a refresher course to get you going this fall on your spiritual journey, I invite you to attend.

If you have been worshipping with us and want to take the next step in your faith

journey and want to join the church, I hope you will come.

I will also be co-teaching a Sunday School class in the Library with Bill Franklin for those who are looking to get into a study group this fall.

See you Sunday.

Peace,

Jerry

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**SEPTEMBER 17
KICK-OFF SUNDAY
FALL IS PE-CAN AROUND
THE CORNER**

This is the Sunday we will kick-off the fall programs and the C.W. F. will have a lot of pecan surprises to sell!

A word of Thanks



I wish to thank all of you for your prayers and concerns while I was hospitalized. It was deeply appreciated.

Love,

Jackie Keller

To all of you at First Christian,

Thanks for your expression of concern over my surgery. Your cards and calls were most welcome. It is very comforting to know there are so many people pulling for you with thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Jack Lindsay

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CALLING ALL MEN

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Men's Small Groups will begin meeting next week. We have two groups that will be welcoming new and old members back for the Fall. On the second and fourth Mondays of every month, we meet at Dick Mey's home, 10330 Tillman Road at 7:00 p.m. - and for you early birds, we have a weekly meeting at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at First Christian. We have enjoyed some great fellowship in these two groups and we look forward to seeing some new faces this Fall.

ALSO.....

Reserve the weekend of October 14 on your calendars. We're planning a Men's Retreat at Camp Barbee and we hope to get as many men as possible from the congregation to come on out. More or that later! If you have any questions, contact Brian precht at 745-2245.

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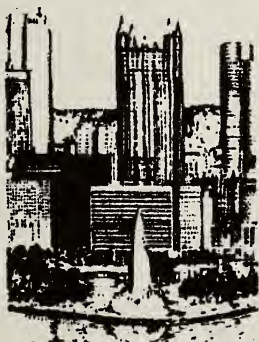
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S. Oden - D. Heimann

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L. Bowser, J. Brickley, S. Brickley

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Crain's

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

Team II -

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 a.m. Banner making & sewing

1:00 p.m. Music Ministry Meeting

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5:00 p.m. Chi Rho & CYF-PPP Party

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:00 p.m. Membership Class

Birthdays

Sept. 17-23

Dan Flickinger(17), George Cole(18),
Ginny Johnson(19), Mary Novachcoff(19),
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THIS SUNDAY - KICK-OFF SUNDAY PE-CAN AROUND THE CORNER!

Let's get back to worship and Sunday School! All the Sunday School classes are meeting - adults and children - and Rev. Zehr will be starting a sermon series - "Real World Real Faith". Scripture - Luke 15:1-10. Sermon topic: The Lost and Found Department. There will also be pecan pie and candy for sale.

PARENT/YOUTH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 17 - 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. THIS IS FOR ALL YOUTH GRADES 6TH-12TH AND THEIR PARENTS

We will have a voluminous volleyball game with parents taking on the youth, basketball and a special slam dunk contest. We will lower the rim so even the ministers can dunk!

Also, a water balloon toss and three-legged races and much more.

The main food (hot dogs and hamburgers) will be provided. Please bring a salad dish or dessert per family. Plates, silverware, and drinks will be provided.

Support the youth program of our church. Bring your youth! Bring your parents! It will be fun!!

From Here to Zehr

I am happy to announce that Brian Prechtl will be our new music director. Brian brings many gifts to this position as composer, singer, director, and a professional musician with an abundance of gifts. He will be responsible for working with all areas of our music program. Brian will be introduced Sunday as our new director. Please make him feel welcomed.

Also, you know how the old telephone game goes, one person says something to another and then it gets changed a bit as it goes down the line. Well....when I got my call on the telephone line it was understood that there was no choir anymore! **NOT SO!** The choir will be

singing as well as quartets, trios and other groups. The choir as an ensemble will not sing every week, but we are hoping to have a variety of musical groups performing!

If you hear something on the telephone - check it out before you send it down the line!

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. Sunday is our Kick-off worship for the Fall. I hope you will make it to church and Sunday School.

YOUTH FLASH

YOUTH - MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR.....

The P.P.P. party was a great time. See the pictures in Fellowship Hall.

We had 20 youth in Sunday School - way to go!

Don't forget this Sunday is the Parent/Youth Picnic.

September 24 - regular meeting - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - plan lock-in.

September 30 - October 1 - Lock-in - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.

October 8 - C.R.O.P. Walk

A word of Thanks



Dear Revs. Jerry, Diane, Staff and Church Family,

There are no words to express the blessings and comfort, by word or deed, brought into our lives these past few months by the church family.

Our families heartfelt thanks with peace and prayer abound for each one of you.

The Brickley Family

Dear Friends,

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all those who sent cards and prayed for me during my illness. Also, for the visits of Rev. Jerry Zehr and Doris Mather.

Wilma Miller

NEW BANNERS.....

A big **THANK YOU** to all who worked on the new Fall season banners.

Sue Brey, Mildred Hartman, Sharon Pauley, Dorothy Overmyer and Sue Oden put feet to their faith to produce the Sanctuary banners.

Thanks to each one of you!

Joys & Concerns

Our sympathy is extended to Sue Brickley and her family in the recent death of Jack Brickley.

Our sympathy is also extended to Bob and Kenny Crain in the recent death of their father in Florida.

Ruth Stone is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Judy Mey is at home recovering from outpatient surgery.

John Glasgow is home from Parkview Hospital recovering from surgery.

Our prayers are with Laura York's granddaughter, Brittany York who has leukemia. Brittany is the daughter of Tony York.

Congratulations to Becky Krull, our newest member and her family, as Becky's confession of faith was given September 3 and her baptism was celebrated September 7!

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MOMENT MUSICALE

Just take a moment, if you have any musical gifts, to fill out the survey enclosed in today's newsletter.

We are revamping the schedule and will be asking people to commit to the whole year, but instead to shorter stretching with defined performances.

So see it, God is prompting you to share your talents!

Brian Precht

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CWF (Pecan Treats)

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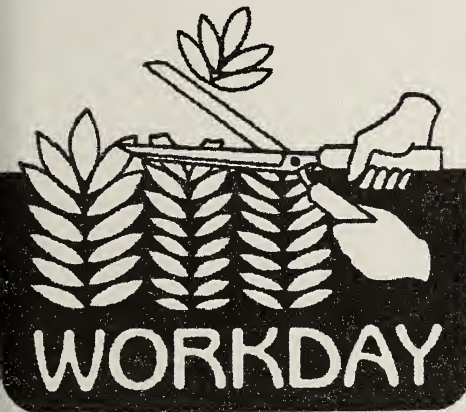
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After the luncheon, Rev. George Mather, will speak to us on Pioneer Ministers of Fort Wayne!

All are welcome.



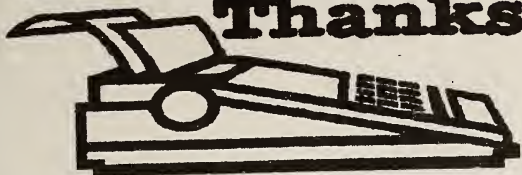
YOUTH NEWS

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This Sunday - regular meeting for both groups - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Plan Lock-In!

Lock-In - Saturday, September 30 - 7:00 p.m. to Sunday, October 1 - 8:00 a.m. Bring chips and pop and \$4.00 for midnight bowling!

A word of Thanks



TO: D.M.A.

A special thank you to the D.M.A. group for a very appropriate memorial for Jack. It will always be remembered, and our prayers will always be with you.

The Brickley Family

Dear Friends at First Christian,

Thank you so much for the beautiful pen and warm farewell you gave me on my last official Sunday in Fort Wayne!

We've been through a lot together, and you've helped me grow and weather many personal storms.

Thank you for being there!

Jane Walsh

Becky, Mark and I would like to thank all of those who attended Becky's baptism, both in person and in prayer. We extend a special thanks to Jerry and Diane for the lovely service, and being available on a day that was very meaningful for our family, that being the day of Jason's birthday. We also thank Brenda Kelly, Becky's mentor, Gini Brown and John Kelly for their contribution to our special day of celebration.

**In God's love,
Becky, Rosemary & Mark Krull**

THANK YOU'S CONTINUED

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Ruth Stone

NEWCOMERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

There is a new class for newcomers on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Come and join us!

JOYS
&
CONCERNS

Dorothy Green is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital.



MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, September 30 - 9:00 a.m. - CWF General Meeting

All women are invited to attend this meeting. A self-defense demonstration will be given.

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TAILGATE TRICK OR TREAT TIME

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We'll gather in fellowship hall for sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips, cupcakes, and cider (hot and cold). A free-will offering will be taken. There will be games for children coordinated by our youth.

At 6:00 p.m. on the parking lot, adults will open their trunks and sit out there handing out trick-or-treats to our children as they go in costume from car to car.

To close the evening, we'll have a campfire story.

Kids: Come in costume.

Adults: Prizes for best costume and best decorated trunk.

Adults: Be prepared with treats for 75-100 children.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED



We are calling for coffee hour volunteers. If this is something you would like to take a turn doing, please call Karen Bushey at

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Thanks again as always!

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10:45 a.m. Charles Hatten & Dick Mey

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. K. Blocher, G. Brown, J. Lindsay,

10:45 a.m. S. Brickley, A. Moll, J. Mounsey,

E. Rieke, B. Smith, E. Vandergriff,

L. Vandergriff

USHERS

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R. Church - L. Heimann

E. Conrad - E. Duncan

S. Hayes - M. McFarland

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**EVANGELISM CALLERS**

Team I -

Team II - Don & Sue Oden

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Tim Knuckles

CHURCH CALENDAR**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast and work day

12:00 noon Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

5:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:00 p.m. Men's Life Group at Dick Mey's

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:00 p.m. Membership Class

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 a.m. CWF General Meeting

1:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Birthdays**Oct. 1-7**

Lynn Spencer(1), Anna Taylor(2), Estel Vandergriff(2), Ruth I. Bennington(3), Bruce Stone(3), Jamie Bushey(4), Kathlyn Banet(4), Brian Hayes(5), Jean McGrew(5), Deb Lester-Webb(5), Earl Plummer(6), Betty Maksl(7),

Bryce Stover(7)

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Fathers are encouraged to bring their sons. It will be a great time. Make your reservation by calling the church office at 744-3239.



From Here to Zehr

This morning I left for a four day pastors prayer summit. There will be over 50 pastors of the city of Fort Wayne coming together for prayer. No T.V., no radio, no communication with the outside world. What will we pray about for four days?

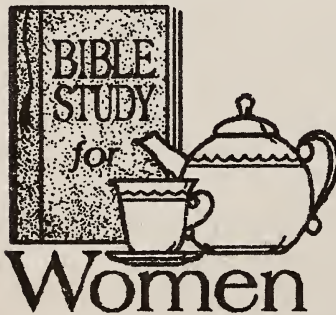
One of the things I am taking is all the names of our community of faith and I will be taking time in prayer for each one of you. That will take at least a day but what about the other 3 days - no donuts!! no diet peps!!

Oh well.....I'm looking forward to it. I'll let you know how it is next week. I will be back for Sunday. I hope you will be there.

Peace,

Jerry

WOMEN OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Ever feel like you need a mid-week boost? We are offering yet another activity for women here at First Christian!!

Anyone interested in a weekly Bible study/small group experience please call Margaret PrechtI at 745-2245 or Diane Zehr at 744-3239.

The group will be meeting Tuesdays at 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. at the church beginning October 3.

Our first study will be a 6 week study called "Beginnings" from the "Serendipity series." This study is a combination of Bible study, prayer and fellowship, through which we will

concentrate on sharing your walk with other Christian women.

We hope to hear from many of you!

**Yours in Christ,
Margaret PrechtI and Diane Zehr, Leaders**

A word of Thanks



I wish to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness and kindness during Jo's illness. A special thank you to Kris Ohneck for her calls and for the flowers. Also to Ken & Elinor Place for their gifts and food. To Rev. Jerry Zehr for his visits and to all for their prayers.

John & Jo Weyer

I wish to thank Rev. Jerry Zehr for his visits to the hospital when I had my surgery.

Bill DeVinney

I wish to thank everyone who took a bag of pecans and made baked goods and also thanks to everyone who bought those goodies. The CWF made \$218.15. Thank you!

Sue Brey

JOYS & CONCERNS

Please keep John & Jo Weyer in your prayers.

Edna Vaught will be 101 years old on October 15. Edna's address is: 26315 Northern Cross Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33983.



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came last Saturday for the work day!

Larry Brey

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MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, September 30 - 9:00 a.m. - CWF General Meeting

All women are invited to attend this meeting. A self-defense demonstration will be given.

Sunday, October 8 - CROP Walk

Would you like to walk to raise money for hungry people? Get pledge forms in the office or call the church office at 744-3239.

Men's Retreat - October 13-15

To all men: mark this date on your calendar.



World
Communion
Sunday
October 1

This Sunday is a special day for all Christians in the world. It is the one Sunday when everyone is taking communion. Come and join in this important day.

SERMON: Closing the Gap.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 16:19-31.



Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



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At 6:00 p.m. on the parking lot, adults will open their trunks and sit out there handing out trick-or-treats to our children as they go in costume from car to car.

To close the evening, we'll have a campfire story.

Kids: Come in costume.

Adults: Prizes for best costume and best decorated trunk.

Adults: Be prepared with treats for 75-100 children.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED



We are calling for coffee hour volunteers. If this is something you would like to take a turn doing, please call Karen Bushey at

747-3770, or the sign up chart is in Fellowship Hall.

Thanks again as always!

Karen Bushey

D.M.A. POTLUCK TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3



The D.M.A. will have a potluck on **Tuesday, October 3 at 12:00 noon.**

After the luncheon, Rev. George Mather, will speak to us on Pioneer Ministers of Fort Wayne!

All are welcome.

WHAT IS C.W.F.?

C.W.F. stands for Christian Women's Fellowship.

C.W.F.'s purpose is to provide opportunities for spiritual growth, enrichment, education and creative ministries to enable women to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole mission of the church of Jesus Christ.

I (Sue Brey) invite all women of the church to a meeting this Saturday, September 30 at 9:00 a.m. We will be having the Women's Bureau come and give a demonstration on self-defense.

Plus.....find out about other opportunities for women.

ALERT ALL WOMEN!



We have an opportunity for you!

Bible study and service project or just Bible study or just service projects. Any way you want it.

FIRST MEETING - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Bible study at 9:00 a.m. Service project at 10:00 a.m. For our service project we need used sheets (white or printed) to make cancer pads for the Allen County Cancer Society. Please give to Lois Finkhousen or Sue Brey.

ALSO.....

The Women's Life Group will be making Herb Wreaths for the shut-ins. We invite you to come and enjoy putting these together on October 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Kathy Blocher's, 2521 Clara Avenue.

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Diane Zehr

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:00 a.m. Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at
Turnstone, 3320 N. Clinton St.

Birthdays

Oct. 8-14

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Mildred Hogg(10), Candace Cole(10), Kathy
Graham(10), Mike Chapin(10), Doris
Koehlinger(11), Pheung Phomsoupha(11),
John Truesdell(12), Anne Scott(12), Lori
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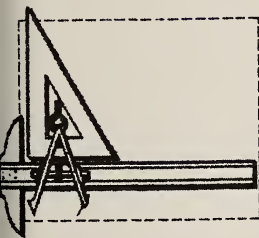
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CAPITAL TASK FORCE NEWS



How's the Task Force coming with the building expansion and renovation plans? Well, unfortunately things have slowed down a bit. We are still waiting on the Architect to get the final package ready to take to contractors for bid. Our goal is to still have all the work complete by the fall of 1996!

We hope to start one aspect of the plan before long, installing the new sound system in the Sanctuary. Keep listening and looking, great things are happening at First Christian Church.

Keep those checks coming! Your monthly envelope is enclosed in this issue of the Tidings. If you are not a monthly pledge giver, have patience with us, a new offering envelope that will include your regular giving with the capital giving is in the works for 1996.

Jim Bushey

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From Here to Zehr

What a week! Praying can make one tired! Not really, but the Prayer Summit was a wonderful experience. I must admit I came home feeling more humbled than on a mountaintop. I have never prayed for that extensive of a time before but it was a powerful experience. Over 50 pastors from all different traditions were there together. The most wonderful thing was the emphasis on our common bond and not our differences. There was truly a spirit of unity and appreciation for each other as a part of the Body of Christ.

We focused on our own need for adoration (praise of God), confession, thanksgiving and supplication (prayers for ourselves and others). A.C.T.S. is the structure of this form of prayer. I would suggest you use these four elements in your own prayer time.

Having 50 pastors together was a good beginning but I knew that no women pastors were invited. The "Church" has a ways to go if we truly want to be a witness of the unity of the Body of Christ. Please pray for all of the churches of Fort Wayne and not just First, that God may bring us together as one.

See you Sunday!

Peace,

Jerry

C.R.O.P. WALK - YOUTH GROUP THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

We will leave from the church after second service to go to Foellinger Theater where the C.R.O.P. Walk begins.

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**Joys
&
Concerns**

Please keep the following persons in your prayers: **Grant Woodward, Bev Hendricks, and Jo Weyer.**

Our prayers are with **Pauline Eyer** in the recent death of her husband, **Don Eyer.** They are former members of First Christian and live in Sebring, Florida.

Our prayers are with **Casey Clarke** in the recent death of her mother.

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Thanks again as always!

Karen Bushey

THANK YOU



I wish to thank the choir for their ministry of music last Sunday. It was very well received!

We will be starting practices again the first week in November and we will be singing on Thanksgiving Sunday.

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6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Rachel Group

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Rebecca Group

6:30 p.m. Committee Chairpeople Meeting

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:00 p.m. Life Group at Zehr's

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

6:45 p.m. Teacher's Meeting

SAT., OCT. 14-SUN. OCT. 15

Men's Retreat at Barbee

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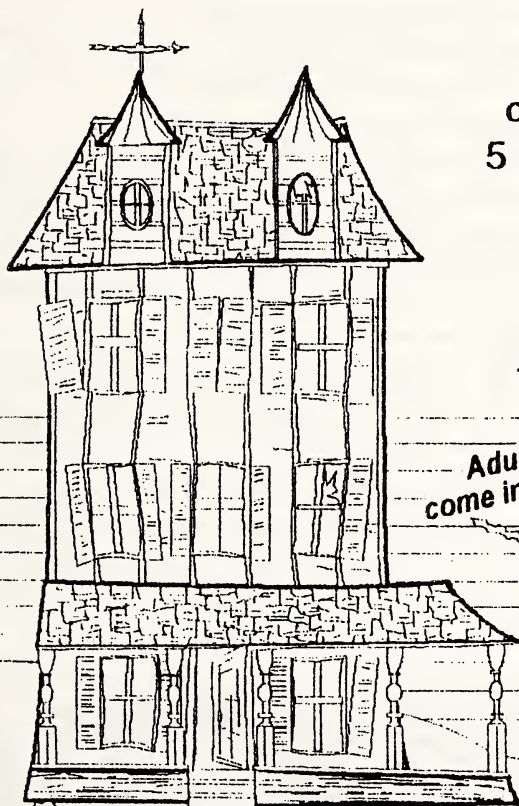
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For the Fun (Pretend) Dress-up
Part of Halloween

Join Us for the

Tailgate Trick or Treat Night
on Sunday, Oct. 29 - 5 to 8 p.m.
5 to 6 p.m. - Dinner and games for
children

Freewill Offering Taken

6 to 7 p.m. - Tailgate Trick or
Treating

7 to 8 p.m. - Campfire Story by

Jerry Zehr

Adults can
come in Costume

Children
come in Costume

Decorate your Trunk
for Handing Out Treats



Tailgate
Trick or Treat Night



From Here to Zehr

Following is one of my favorite poems when I reflect on the church, our own spiritual growth and the challenges that are ahead of us for our church to fulfill Christ's great commission.

GROWTH

*"Growth has not only rewards and pleasure,
but, also many intrinsic pains
and always will have.*

*Each step forward is a step into the unfamiliar
and is thought of as possibly dangerous.*

*It also frequently means giving up
something familiar and good and satisfying.
It frequently means a parting and a separation
with consequent nostalgia, loneliness
and mourning.*

*It often means giving up a simpler and easier
and less effortful life in exchange for
a more demanding, more difficult life.*

*Growth forward is,
in spite of these losses, good,
and therefore requires courage,
strength in the individual,
as well as protection, permission and
encouragement from the environment."*

SERMON PREVIEW

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

Sermon: When Healing is More Than Skin Deep!

Special Music: Duet by Ginny Johnson and Sara Davis

Peace,

Jerry

D.M.A. GOING TO THE FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM NOVEMBER 7

Winter is on the way and it is fire prevention time. Come and enjoy a lunch at the **Firehouse Cafe Old #3**, 226 W. Washington Blvd. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. You will order from the menu and the cost will be \$3.50 to \$6.95.

Following lunch will be a tour of the station with one of the firemen. Cost is \$1.00.

Limited parking in front of station with parking lots on 2 sides of the station.

Please call or sign up in the church office (744-3239). **Reservations needed by November 1.**

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Joys & Concerns

Please keep **Bev Hendricks** in your prayers as she goes to Chicago this week for further tests.

Naomi Prechtl had outpatient eye surgery this week.

Congratulations to **Dick & Judy Mey** in the recent birth of a new granddaughter born in Stewart, Georgia. **Tess Maria Mader** weighed 6 pounds!

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YOUTH NEWS

We will meet this Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. for our regular youth meeting. Bring your C.R.O.P. Walk pledge sheets! The T-shirts are in. We will be planning Youth Sunday!

P.R.C. TO MEET

What is a P.R.C.? This is a Pastoral Relations Committee in which a small group of members of the church meet with the pastors for feedback and celebrations in the life of the church. This group gives the ministers an opportunity to receive positive feedback from the congregation as well as the sharing of concerns or challenges we face together.

If you have a celebration or concern for the ministers and their ministry you would like to share with the P.R.C.'s, they will be meeting with us next Monday, October 16.

Jerry's P.R.C. includes: Roger Moll, chair; Mildred Hartman, Jack Weicker, John Kelly, Laurie Berry and Bud Ludwig.

Diane's P.R.C. is: Ralph Church, George Davis and Carole Davis.

Please contact them before the meeting if you have something you would like to share.

C.W.F. NEWS

C.W.F. is going to visit the Flinn Home on Monday, October 30. We will leave the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Anyone interested in going please call Evelyn Yeoman at 489-2349 or the church office at 744-3239. We will carpool!

FOR THE WHOLE CONGREGATION

Here are some suggestions of items they will need at the Flinn Home and there will be a box at the south door marked Flinn Home: shampoo, creme rinse, hair spray, combs and brushes, hair nets (grey) or sleeping bonnets, Scope mouthwash (small bottles), toothpaste (Crest or Pepsodent), hand cream, face cream, disposable razors, nail clippers, emery boards, kleenex or puffs (regular size or purse size), cookies without nuts (small boxes), chewing gum, decks of cards or any kind of board games, or anything else that you think they might like.

A MYSTERY!

Have you taken home towels from the kitchen to graciously wash them and then tucked them in a closet out of sight and forgotten to bring them back to the church?

We're looking for "the disappearing towels" so that we can be prepared for our Harvest Dinner. Thank you.



FOR THE CHILDREN



SOMEWHERE...

Somewhere in Oklahoma City a Teddy Bear is crying - crying because its child won't be coming home — again — ever! Some adults with their own agenda took it upon themselves to destroy a building; and with it everyone inside — including the children.

Somewhere in Rwanda a rag-doll is crying — crying because its child won't be coming home — again — ever! Some adults with their own agenda took it upon themselves to destroy everyone who was on the "other side" — including the children.

Somewhere in Bosnia a china doll is crying — crying because its child won't be coming home — again — ever! Some adults with their own agenda took it upon themselves to destroy the "enemy" — including the children.

Everywhere in this world God is crying — crying because some more of God's children have come home — too early — forever!

Somehow we must learn God's agenda — an agenda of love — especially for the children. You remember — the children whom Jesus loved and asked us to love because they carry within their pure souls the truth of heaven.

Everywhere it is time for Teddy Bears and rag-dolls and china dolls, and all of the friends of children, not to have to cry the tears of grief and loss anymore!

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Vandergriff, L. Vandergriff**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, C. Davis, A. Cook**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, B. Stover, K.
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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS**8:15 a.m.** Marty Bier**CHURCH CALENDAR****SAT., OCT. 14-SUN. OCT. 15**

Men's Retreat at Barbee

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

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5:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

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Blocher's

7:00 p.m. Jerry & Diane's PRC

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00 p.m. Life Group at Zehr's

OCTOBER 20-24

General Assembly in Pittsburgh

Birthdays**Oct. 22-28**Bill Love(22), Don Pomeroy(23), Tom
Mathis(25), Steven Mullen(25), Charles
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PROMISE OF FAITH

This fall we want to lift up the **"Promise"** that God has made to each of us and how we might desire to respond financially to this promise.

Over the next six weeks we will be lifting up the different ministries you join together in providing to fulfill this ministry.

You will also be invited to make a **"Faith Promise"** for 1996 to help fulfill **"God's Promise"** to our world.

Please begin to consider what you will financially give in 1996 to our Lord's ministry as we try to live out our **"Promise of Faith."**



YOUTH NEWS

All youth grades 6th-12th will meet this Sunday to practice for Youth Sunday which is November 5, and we will also be taking flyers for the Tailgate Party to the neighborhood.

Pizza will be the evening treat - FREE! A gift from a loving "church" member. 5:00 P.M. Bring a friend!!

From Here to Zehr

THE ACHILLES HEEL OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Things refuse to be mismanaged long."

In business, mismanagement is cut short by bottom-line financial distress. In churches, however, the inclination to bronze cherished traditions tends to substantially lessen the ability of leaders to identify leadership misdirection.

Church people are often willing to give cherished traditions financial support long after their usefulness is gone. Ineffectual leadership directions may continue so long that they destroy the institution that made outdated traditions more important than effective mission and ministries.

This is the challenge for our church to ask the Lord the question, "What is the mission of the church? What is our vision of who we will become as we move towards the second millennium?"

I am excited about the discussion that is beginning to take place with the Board of Trustees and Elders as we approach these important questions.

Will you reflect on these questions as well? I would love to hear from you and some of your ideas.

Peace,

Jerry

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OCT. 20-24

"Becoming a Dwelling Place for God" is the theme of the General Assembly. This Assembly also involves a return to the roots of our Disciples heritage, as much Disciples history resides in the Pittsburgh area.

Kris Ohneck and **Jack Weicker** will be representing our congregation as voting delegates. They were commissioned at First Worship Service last Sunday.

We wish Kris and Jack an outstanding experience and look forward to the enriching information they will bring to us.

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A word of Thanks



THANK YOU - THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for all of the gallon plastic jugs you have so generously provided for the luminaries. We have plenty now for the project so you can go back to recycling them or save them for your own sidewalk or driveway. Thank you again!

Sue Oden, Worship Chair

Joys & Concerns

Our sympathy is extended to Charles & Jean McGrew in the recent death of Jean's brother in California.

Our prayers remain with John & Jo Wever.

John Phillips is a patient at Lutheran Hospital as is Bruce Harman.

Bob Crain had cataract surgery.

Our prayers are with Grady & Dawn Vanderwall as their daughter, Whitney, is a patient at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis.

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NEWS FROM THE FOOD BANK

Thank you to those who participated in the CROP Walk October 8. Thank you to those who pledged support. The CROP Walk committee estimated pledges of \$10,000 of which \$2,500 will remain in Allen County for the purchase of food by the Associated Churches.

This may be a bad time to ask you for money, but I must. Associated Churches has been promised a grant which will match what can be collected during the month of October and November up to \$15,000. The client load at the Associated Churches food banks continue to rise, therefore, we must ask you to help more.

First Christian Food Bank, during August and September, provided 250 families approximately 13,500 meals. Last year for the same two months the total was about 200 families. Most of the 26 Food Banks in the system are reporting increasing client loads. Some of the clients are from out of state, some have been laid off, and others are hurt and cannot work. All have asked for our help, and we have done our best to provide it. We volunteers can provide the service, but we must ask you to provide the supplies. The most cost effective way to provide supplies is through the donation of money so that Associated Churches can buy wholesale. If you will mark your donation to Food Bank we will see that it gets to Associated Churches.

If you want to donate food, please don't let me talk you out of it. Some two for one items or coupon specials can be bought for less than the wholesale cost. We need a constant supply of food however it's supplied.

Yours in Christ,
Wes

SERVING OCTOBER 22**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** John Ohneck & Charles Ewing**10:4 a.m.** Dick Vanderwall & Charles McGrew**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** M. Bier, K. Blocher, J. Lindsay**10:45 a.m.** L. Bowser, J. Davis, E. Duncan,

L. McFarland, M. McFarland, E. Yeoman,

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Katie Moll(29), Deborah Rinker(29),

Jeffrey Grier(30), Kelli Kern(31), Charles

Schnobel(31), Gary Falbe(31), Jim

Shirley(31), Coleen Wilcoxson(1), Violet

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A VISION FOR WORSHIP

The next three Sundays from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Revs. Diane and Jerry will be leading a three week series of teaching and discussion on worship. Why do we do what we do? What is our purpose for worship? How do the different parts of the service create a special drama?

In light of some of the experimentation in the 10:45 a.m. worship service, we felt it would be important to dialogue about the purpose and format for our worship service. Realizing "times are a changing", how do you make worship meaningful for all ages?

We invite all adults and youth (6th-12th grades) to meet in the fellowship hall for this time together.

TAILGATE TRICK OR TREAT TIME



Want to have a great time of fun and food and fellowship? There's a Sunday evening of **October 29** when you can do just that at First Christian Church.

We'll gather at **5:00 p.m.** in fellowship hall for sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips, cupcakes, and cider (hot and cold). A free-will offering will be taken. There will be games for children coordinated by our youth.

At **6:00 p.m.** on the parking lot, adults will open their trunks and sit out there handing out trick-or-treats to our children as they go in costume from car to car.

To close the evening, we'll have a campfire story.

***FIND THE RAINBOW SOMEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND
SCRATCH IT. CAN YOU RECOGNIZE THE SMELL?***

From Here to Zehr

The General Assembly is an event held every two years for all Disciple congregations. We met in Pittsburgh this year and the theme was "Becoming a Dwelling Place for God."

One of the main things I realized as we talked about the vision for the church at the Assembly is that this vision cannot be led by the ministers only. In light of some of the changes that I have tried to give leadership to here at First, I have realized for the church to be vibrant and growing, everyone needs to have a vision together of what God is calling us to become. Often ministers have a tendency to lead and realize that no one is following, or to lay people say, "Just tell us what to do, and we'll do it!" That sounds nice to the ministers ears but I realize unless people are invested in the vision, they will not have any passion for it.

I am excited about some of the

discussions we are having about worship because I think they are making all of us reflect on what is the purpose and direction for all of our ministries including worship. It is a question I ask you to prayerfully reflect on.

What is the purpose of the church? How can we make this happen most effectively?

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. I hope you will come Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. for our discussion in the fellowship hall. This is not just for people who are going to the 10:45 service but everyone.

The issues we will be discussing will be broader than just worship.

SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW



This year our Stewardship Campaign is focusing on God's Promise and our promise to God. The rainbow is a symbol that reflects the "Promise of Faith"! We hope you will begin to consider what you will give in 1996 to the ministry of First Christian as you strive to express your faith promise through your talent and tithes.

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WEST CREIGHTON ANNUAL BAZAAR 845 W. CREIGHTON AVENUE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:30 A.M. - 6:30 P.M.

SNACK BAR-10:00 AM-1:30 PM

DINNER HOURS: 4:00-6:00 PM

TICKETS:

Adults - \$5.00

Children under 12 - \$2.50

BAZAAR: Beautiful Christmas Items, Candy, Carmel Corn, Noodles, Baked Goods, mince Meat, Apple Butter and more.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Our sympathy is extended to **John Weyer** and family in the death of Josephine Weyer last week.

Congratulations to **Becca Widmer** as she was recognized as Mother With Young Children of the Year from the Indiana Chapter of Mothers.

Our prayers are with Jim Bushey's mother, Doris, as she is a patient in the hospital.

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**A WALK TO BETHLEHEM
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
DECEMBER 15 & 16, 1995
6:30 - 8:00 P.M.**



Christmas is a time associated with gift giving and First Christian Church will be giving the gift of **A Walk To Bethlehem** to our community. This gift will give an opportunity to come to the Manger and to get to know Christ better.

Participants will journey to scenes of the nativity; will visit the Marketplace; sing carols of Christmas; and will be given the opportunity to experience the joy and hope that Christmas brings.

You may minister in this exciting experience by being one of the 50 people needed to serve in different capacities. This Sunday, October 29, there will be a sign up time during the coffee hour following both

services. Any questions, contact Charles or Ruth Pugh at 456-4609 or Diane Zehr.

SERVING OCTOBER 29**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Glenn Miller & Ralph Church**10:4 a.m.** Sara Davis & Dick Mey**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** G. Brown, D. Keebortz, T.

Knuckles, J. Young

10:45 a.m. C. Ewing, D. Heimann, L.

Heimann, M. McDougale, O. McDougale, J.

McGrew, B. Smith, J. Mey

USHERS**8:15 a.m.** J. Ott**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

J. McGrew, J. Mey, K. Taylor

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

McEvoy/Heimann

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I -

Team II -

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS**8:15 a.m.****CHURCH CALENDAR****SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

10:00 a.m. Drama Group

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Halloween Tailgate Party

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:00 p.m. Women's Life Group at Kathy Blocher's

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:00 p.m. Life Group at Zehr's

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:30 a.m. Self-Defense Class

Birthdays**Nov. 5-11**

Martha Christy(5), John Phillips(5), Curt Miller(5), Tony York(5), James Evans(7), Tim Norton(11), Marilyn McDougale(11), Beth Falb(11)

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AREA DISCIPLE CHURCHES GATHERING THIS SUNDAY

From 2:30 - 6:30 p.m. the Disciple Churches from the northern part of Indiana will gather for an assembly at First Christian Church in Huntington, Indiana. All members are welcomed to attend for a time of singing, workshops and dinner.

HARVEST DINNER



On Sunday, November 19 at 12:00 noon we will have our Thanksgiving Dinner for everyone of the church. This is for friends and members who want to come together to give thanks.

There is turkey, vegetables, bread, pie and other delicious goodies. You don't need to bring anything but yourself! There is no set cost for the meal, however, a free will offering will be taken.

So plan on coming and enjoying the turkey!

THANKSGIVING

From Here to Zehr

One of the most important events at the General Assembly this year was the approval for our church denomination to participate with nine other denominations in the COCU Resolution (Council on Church Union). What will this mean for us as a local Disciple congregation? Following is an explanation from the book, Churches in Covenant Communion, The Church of Christ Uniting:

"In covenant communion the churches may maintain, for so long as each may determine, their own church structures and traditions, including present forms of worship, systems of ministerial selection, training, and placement, their international, confessional, and communion relationships, and their

mission programs. What covenanting means is that these now separated churches will resolve to live as one in the most basic things — in faith, sacrament, ministry, and mission. Uniformity in structure is not essential to covenant communion."

As you see, being a congregationally based church, we are not forced to do anything. We are invited to be in closer communion with the other denominations that have endorsed this proposal. Maybe we will realize we truly are one body in Christ some day!

Peace,

Jerry

NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 12



We want to invite all friends of First Christian Church to be our guest at a special luncheon at 12:00 noon, Sunday, November 12.

If you have not joined the church as a member, and would like to learn more about the church and its programs, we hope you will be our guest.

YOUTH NEWS....

We will meet this Sunday at 5:00 p.m. to work on Youth Sunday. We had to move the date to November 26 because of everyone's schedule. It is coming together, so come and help!

ALSO.....

Make a note:

Youth Mission Trip to Honduras

NEW DATES: July 15-19, 1996

Open to all youth completing grades 9-11 in the spring of 1996. For information, contact Jim Hollis at 317-328-0468.



Take special note

Administrative Ministry Team -

7:00 p.m. November 6.

Worship & Outreach Ministry

Team - November 7, 7:00 p.m.

Walk to Bethlehem Chairpeople -

November 12, 5:00 p.m.

No Time To Say Good-By -

November 12 - 6:00 p.m. Rev. Terry Anderson, our Minister of Counseling will lead a session for people wanting guidance with grief and loss issues.

Joys & Concerns

Bruce Harman is home from the hospital.

Congratulations to **Marlo Quick** who was recently recognized as Teacher of Excellence by the Chamber of Commerce!

Margaret Snouffer is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Thank you to **Karen Bushey** and **all the people** who planned the Tailgate Party! It was a lot of fun! Superman and Elvis were both here! They both looked a little full in their outfits, too many donuts!

We had a great turn out and a lot of creative trunk decorations!

ATTENTION CHOIR

The choir will be rehearsing for the next three Saturday's from 1:00 - 2:15 in preparation for singing on the Sunday of the Harvest Dinner. We would like to invite anyone who feels that they have the desire to praise God through the ministry of the choir to join us - especially if they are male! Remember God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called!

SERVING NOVEMBER 5 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Charles Ludwig & Lauren Ewing

10:4 a.m. Charles Hatten & Dave Kreischer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. M. Arnold, J. Arnold, M. Bier,
B. Bier

10:45 a.m. K. Bushey, J. Davis, M. Mullen,
E. Place, K. Place, M. Quick, J. Quick, K.
Taylor

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7:00 p.m. Administrative Ministry Team

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6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,
1701 Fairfield Avenue

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

11:30 a.m. DMA to Firehouse Cafe Old #3

7:00 p.m. Worship & Outreach Ministry Team

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:00 p.m. Life Group at Zehr's

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, NOV. 10-12

CYF Assembly

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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Birthdays

Nov. 12-18

Diane Lesueur(12), Linda Breeden(13),
Jewel Byrket(14), James Hudlow(14), Melissa
Miller(14), Tom Meadows(16), Kathy
Marvel(16), Deb Miller(18)

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PROMISE OF FAITH BUILDING MOMENTUM

We have already received a number of **Promises of Faith** cards from people in our faith community.

It is exciting to see the rainbow becoming a reality.

Some of the letters got mixed up and some people got letters addressed to other people. Please do not let that deter you from sending the **Promise of Faith** card you received back to the church.

LET US GIVE THANKS HARVEST DINNER -THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19



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From Here to Zehr

What is the purpose of your life?

THE POWER OF PURPOSE

A purpose is not a goal. A goal is something that can be reached. A purpose is never achieved. It exists before you and lives on after you're gone. Purpose is a direction—like west. No matter how far west you go, there's still more west to travel....

You use your purpose to set your course in life. It's the quality around which you center yourself.

—Richard J. Leider and David A. Shapiro, *Repacking Your Bags*

So, what is the quality you center your life around? What is the purpose of the church? What is the purpose of worship? Good questions for us to ask ourselves!

See you Sunday!

Peace,

Jerry



CHILDREN TO SING IN WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!

You won't want to miss worship this Sunday. The children will be singing a special song in the second service.

Bob Bier will be our guest soloist in both services.



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 5, 1995

Timothy Stoddard, 4917 McClellan Street 46807; Andy & Erin Brosey, 309 W. Maple Grove Avenue 46807; Wilbur & Doris Snook, 8104 Bridgeway Drive, Apt. 2B 46816; Laura Whitworth, Nicholas & Sarah.



CYF Assembly this weekend - no youth group on Sunday night.

Sunday, November 19 we will be taking Thanksgiving Dinners to the homebound for the Harvest Dinner.

Saturday, November 25 at 10:00 a.m. - Youth Sunday practice.

Sunday, November 26 - Youth Sunday - Be at church by 7:00 a.m.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the Outreach and Service Committee and the other individuals who have contributed to A Baby's Closet. I was recently able to purchase five new car seats and several other miscellaneous items with your gift. Because of the generosity of the members of F.C.C., the health and nutritional status of many of Allen County's infants and toddlers will be improved. Your gift will provide an incentive for parents to obtain early and ongoing prenatal care, to take their children for their childhood immunizations and well-child physical examinations, and to attend nutrition and parenting classes. It will also encourage parents to strive toward self-sufficiency as they complete their G.E.D. or high school education. F.C.C.'s partnership in this special ministry is appreciated very much.

**Teresa Hatten, Project
Coordinator of A Baby's Closet**

JOYS & CONCERNS

Margaret Snouffer is home from Lutheran Hospital.

Our prayers are with the family of **Florence Palmer** who died last week.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Jewish community in their time of mourning for the **Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin**.



Take special note

Walk to Bethlehem Chairpeople - November 12, 5:00 p.m.

No Time To Say Good-By - November 12 - 6:00 p.m. Rev. Terry Anderson, our Minister of Counseling will lead a session for people wanting guidance with grief and loss issues.

Drama Group Practice - Saturday, November 18 at 2:30 p.m.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF F.C.C.



WOMEN'S
MINISTRY

Our CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) ladies have an exciting project to discuss at the November 14 meetings. **"Lap Quilting"** on 14" squares, from works of FCC women in the 1940's which were turned over to us by Lois Finkhousen, need to be assembled into a beautiful quilt or wall hanging.

Also, another completed quilt top was recently found stored at FCC and ideas are needed for future planning.

For additional information before the meetings, please call Neva Mennewisch at 483-4802 or me, Sue Brey, at 447-3540.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



If you have not mailed in your **Promise of Faith** card, please do as soon as possible.

If you need another card, call the church office at 744-3239 and we will send you one.

WORSHIP WORKSHOP

This Sunday from 9:30 - 10:30 Revs. Diane and Jerry will lead us in the last part of our discussion and study on worship.

Everyone is invited. We will meet in the fellowship hall.

NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 12

We want to invite all friends of First Christian Church to be our guest at a special luncheon at **12:00 noon, this Sunday, November 12.**

If you have not joined the church as a member, and would like to learn more about the church and its programs, we hope you will be our guest.

WEEK OF COMPASSION UPDATE - Hurricane Opal

Just a relief and recovery efforts were getting started in the Caribbean in the aftermath of Hurricanes Luis and Marilyn, Hurricane Opal slammed into the Florida panhandle with sustained winds of 125 miles per hour. The death toll has approached 20 and damage assessments are estimated at \$2 billion, making Opal one of the U.S.'s costliest hurricanes. Charles Minyard, pastor of First Christian Church in Fort Walton Beach, FL, describes the damage in the area as "massive".

WEEK OF COMPASSION has responded with an immediate grant of \$6000 to Church World Service for the interfaith relief effort. An emergency grant has also been made to First Christian, Fort Walton Beach, to assist three families with significant property losses. Otherwise, the impact on Disciples congregations has been limited. WOC will make further responses as additional needs are made known and the long term recovery work begins. Disciples may respond with contributions to the WOC Disaster Response Fund and by assembling CWF "Gifts of the Heart" Recovery Kits. (The WOC office has details).

In the meanwhile, WEEK OF COMPASSION has also responded to Hurricane Sybil in the Philippines and the earthquake in Indonesia, both of which left thousands of people displaced and in great need of assistance. Your support of WEEK OF COMPASSION enables Disciples to offer help and hope to hurting people around the world, around the year.

Thanks and God Bless, Johnny Wray

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E. Rieke, B. Smith, E. Vandergriff,

L. Vandergriff

USHERS**8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, K. Graham, D. Graham**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, E. Vandergriff, K.

Place, J. McGrew

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B. Bier & E. Duncan

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - M. Hartman/M. Hutchinson

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Vanderwall's

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS**8:15 a.m.** Tim Knuckles**CHURCH CALENDAR****SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12**8:15 a.m.** First Worship Service**9:30 a.m.** Church School**10:45 a.m.** Second Worship Service**12:00 noon** Newcomers Luncheon**5:00 p.m.** Walk to Bethlehem Chair Meeting**6:00 p.m.** No Time For Good-By Seminar**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13****7:00 p.m.** Men's Life Group at Dick Mey's**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14****6:30 a.m.** Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,

1701 Fairfield Avenue

9:00 a.m. Rachel Circle**9:15 a.m.** Women's Bible Study**10:00 a.m.** Rebecca Circle**7:30p.m.** Board of Trustees**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15****7:00 p.m.** Life Group at Zehr's**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18****1:00 p.m.** Chancel Choir**2:30 p.m.** Drama Group**Birthdays****Nov. 19-25**Andrew Moll(20), Ressie Ehresman(20),
Laura York(21), Nellie Buchanan(24), Joan
Ott(25), Mariene Crouse(25)

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THANKSGIVING SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 19



During our worship this Sunday we will celebrate our thanks to God with the choir singing a special number, and the drama group will have a humorous vignette.

Rev. Jerry Zehr will be preaching a sermon entitled "Do Not Grow Weary In Well Doing," and then we will have our Harvest Dinner at 12:00 noon.

The food will be provided by our fellowship committee and they want everyone to join in the thanksgiving meal.



HAVE YOU SEEN A RAINBOW LATELY?

Have you sent in your **Promise of Faith**? After only two weeks we have already received \$75,980.00. We are excited about the possibilities for 1996 for our church. We need your **Promise of Faith** to make our rainbow full of all the colors of ministries.

Enclosed is a **Promise of Faith** card in the newsletter. If you lost yours or have not sent one, please use this card and send it in this week!

From Here to Zehr

I love Thanksgiving! It is a time of joy and thanksgiving. I hope everyone will try to come to the Harvest Dinner on Sunday. It is the one time when the whole church can come together for a joyous time.

In Sunday School we lifted up the positive strengths of being a part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and how we need to get the word out as to what we believe and stand for.

Following are 8 Statements of Faith that I feel encompasses who we are succinctly:

1. Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.
2. God's Word is revealed to us through scripture.
3. The Holy Spirit is the active presence of God whose work may be seen in the lives of individuals, and

congregations who seek to serve God.

4. Within the community of the Christian church there is room for people of many different faith experiences.

5. The body of Christ includes all persons who claim Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

6. The local congregation is central to the total ministry of the church.

7. Every person who chooses to follow Christ is called to be in ministry.

8. Individuals and congregations who choose to be members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) support the ministry of the church at the local, regional, and general levels.

Peace,
Jerry

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Cruets for oils and vinegars

Silk or real potted plants

Wooden bowls

Oil lamps

Diane Zehr



Sunday, November 19 we will be taking Thanksgiving Dinners to the homebound for the Harvest Dinner.

Saturday, November 25 at 10:00 a.m. - Youth Sunday practice.

Sunday, November 26 - Youth Sunday - Be at church by 7:00 a.m.



**D.M.A. - DON'T MENTION AGE
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

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A noon potluck will be followed with a gift exchange.

Please bring a dish and a gift of your choice. It may be something new, home made or white elephant, etc.

Come join us before the hustle and bustle of the season is in full swing.

Everyone is welcome!



Our prayers and sympathy is extended to **Jessie Fern Woodward and family** in the recent death of Grant Woodward.

Our prayers and sympathy is extended to **Mary Wilhelm** in the death of her sister, Marie, in North Vernon, Ohio.

Our prayers are with **Bruce and Nancy Harman and family** as Bruce is at home with terminal cancer.

Sue Kerley had outpatient knee surgery last weekend.

Our prayers are with **Bob and Marge Mitchell** as Bob recuperates from eye surgery and as Marge cares for him.

Congratulations to **Bill & Sue Kerley** as they have a new grandson, Zachary William, born October 18..

Take special note

Chancel Choir will have their last rehearsal before the Harvest Dinner this coming Saturday, November 18 from 1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

Drama Group Practice - Saturday, November 18 at 2:30 p.m.

CWF will sell cookies on December 10 after first and second services.



HANGING OF THE GREENS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

"Hanging of the Greens" will be Saturday, December 2 beginning at 9:30 a.m. If a lot of us show up, it won't take long. Mark your calendar now!



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Place your check for \$10.00 - or for however many you want - in the offering plate or mail to the church office along with the order blank below. Orders will be accepted until December 15.

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I WILL PICK UP AFTER WORSHIP 12/24 _____

PLEASE GIVE TO A SHUT-IN _____

SERVING NOVEMBER 26

ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Ralph Church & Charles Ewing

10:45 a.m. Dick Vanderwall & John Kelly

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. M. Arnold, J. Arnold, K. Blocher

10:45 a.m. L. Bowser, J. Davis, M.

McDougle, O. McDougle, J. Mounsey, M.

Mullen, E. Rieke, E. Yeoman

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, M. Hutchinson, M.

Hartman

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, E. Gorman, B.

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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Jack Weicker

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday Practice

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:00 p.m. Men's Life Group at Dick Mey's

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's, Inc.

1701 Fairfield Avenue

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Worship & Outreach Committee

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:00 p.m. Life Group at Zehr's

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting

Birthdays

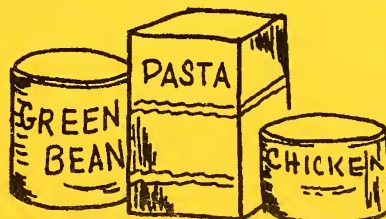
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Neva Mennewisch(5), Ethel Richhart(6),
Mildred Arruza(6), Phillip Bozarth(6), Sue
Kerley(7), Shelley Sendelbach(8), Clifton
Bowman(9)

PLEASE NOTE:

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR:

There will not be a newsletter next
week due to the Thanksgiving
Holiday.



Food Pantry

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Howard, R. Wise**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

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No Coffee Hour - Harvest Dinner

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Blocher's**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21**6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,
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9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday Practice

Birthdays**Nov. 26-Dec. 2**Mary Sue Ludwig(28), Ken Perkins(28),
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ADVENT BEGINS THIS SUNDAY DECEMBER 3



Advent is a season of preparation, expectation, and hope (which is different to the celebration of arrival and fulfillment in the Christmas season). Traditionally the color for Advent has been purple. This is a penitential color, and while penitence is always part of a season of preparation, it is not the dominant mood of Advent. The word Advent means "coming." Advent is the time when the church prepares for the coming of Christ into the world. But our focus is not only to the past and the celebration of Jesus' birth 2,000 years ago.

We seek the peace, hope, love, and joy that Christ brings to our world today, and look to the future when God's realm of Shalom arrives in all its fullness.

Advent is a time to be aware of God's promise and alert for signs of its fulfillment. The promise comes to us through the prophets. Modern usage defines prophets as those who foretell the future, as if the future were fixed. In the biblical sense, however, the prophets are those who "forth-tell"—who announce God's word to the people. They see in everyday events what the ordinary person does not see and fails to interpret. They call us to account for present behavior and they name the consequences of such actions. They picture for us an alternate way—God's way. Sometimes they announce a word of judgment as in the passages leading up to Reign of Christ Sunday, and sometimes it is a word of hope and promise of salvation as in the Advent readings. But it is always a reminder of the covenant promise of God—a reminder of God's faithfulness.

From Here to Zehr



For the month of December I will be preaching on the theme - "Come Walk With Us."

I have focused on Isaiah visions of God's realm of Shalom for our lessons during Advent.

When people set out on a journey of pilgrimage they usually have a clear goal of destination in mind which helps them continue when the going gets rough. Isaiah visions gave hope to the people of his day during times of military conflict and exile and they offer us a renewed vision and hope on our pilgrimage this season of Advent.

This Sunday the Scripture will be Isaiah 2:1-5.

Sermon will be "Walking in Hope."

Theme: A vision of everlasting peace.

Candle: Hope.

Peace,
Jerry

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THANK YOU

I wish to thank all for their concerns, thoughts, cards, calls, and prayers at the time of Grant's death. A special thank you to the Zehr's.

Jessie Fern Woodward



Edna Nordblom is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center as is Ardith Wrisk.

Our prayers are with Judy Mey as she awaits word about when surgery will be.

Congratulations and welcome to Phyllis Hipp who joined First Christian on November 26.

Take special note



There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 17, 1995 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary to vote on the 1996 budget.

Chancel Choir will have practice this Saturday, December 2 at 1:00 p.m.



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NOTES FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

From Kris Ohneck:

General Assembly in Pittsburgh was fantastic! If you ever have an opportunity to attend, do so! It will be one of the most wonderful, humbling experiences of your life. Six thousand people from the U.S. and Canada in one place worshipping and hearing God's message. Many wonderful speakers including Dr. and Laura "Hamm" on stage for the first ever at General Assembly youth night. Fred Craddock spoke on ministry of clergy and laity and challenged all to give their talents anew and renewed to Christ. Dr. Hamm gave the state of the Church address (an audio tape has been donated to our church library). The mission project was "Get Dirty for God". There were two projects for this outreach adventure - one was to help remodel a Southside Pittsburgh church, the other was to assist with two homes being built for Habitat for Humanity. I was able to go to one of the homes. I was able to help, with five women and one man, install 42 rolls of insulation in a crawl space. Other parts of the homes were being assembled at the same time - windows, roofing, siding. It was really neat to see people working together to better God's world. Much more to tell but have limited time and space here. Thanks for enabling the possibility of a representative from First Christian Church - Fort Wayne - with your donations.

From Jack Weicker:

The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) held this year in Pittsburgh, October 20-24, would have been a mountaintop affair for any member of First Christian Church here. The theme of the Assembly, "Becoming a Dwelling Place for God," issued a challenge to everyone of the thousands in attendance. On Friday evening, Dick Hamm, using this theme for his sermon, personally challenged all in attendance to catch a greater vision of the Church as we approach the Twenty-first Century. (Incidentally, Kris, Janet, and I missed that session because of torrential rains encountered on our way to Pittsburgh—BUT WE DO HAVE THE TAPE!!!).

Two other highpoints of the convention, among many, included the Saturday evening program put on by the young people of the brotherhood (tomorrow's church is in good hands!!), and the wonderful service on Sunday evening with Fred Craddock as the principal speaker. His sermon, "Disturbed into Life Again," just had to be one of the great sermons of our time.

Lighter moments of the Assembly would include conversations with Harold and Ruby Cline and with Dick and Mindy (not to mention hours of dialogue between Kris, Janet and me as we travelled to and from Pittsburgh).

—Continued on Page 7

FROM OUTREACH & SERVICE

The **Outreach and Service Committee** has chosen as its project this Holiday season to make the holidays a little brighter for the children whose moms are in the Allen County Jail. There is no visitation allowed for the children and we hope that this small act of kindness will be both a source of joy for the children and a sign of hope for their moms.

A tree will be put up in Fellowship Hall with the name, age and sex of all the children participating in this years program. If you would like to help, take one or more of the tags from the tree, (let Charlie Hatten know which tags you have), purchase a gift (we recommend under \$15) for each tag you took, wrap and place the gift with the tag on it under the tree by December 17th.

In addition to your gift we will be giving the families (usually the Grandparents) a bag of groceries to use for the holiday meal. If you would like to help deliver the toys and food let the church office know.

We have around 22 mothers that are in the substance abuse class in the jail right now and I can't tell you how much they appreciate the Bibles that our church has helped them get. We hope that they will be able to know the love of Christ is alive and well at First Christian Church.

WALK TO BETHLEHEM INVITATION ENCLOSED



This newsletter includes an insert that is an invitation for **you** to give to a friend or relative or neighbor so that they will know about the **Walk to Bethlehem.**

You could not be giving a better **GIFT** to them than to share this experience of the real Christmas. Even better.....invite them to come **with** you either December 15 or 16 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Groups will begin the journey every 10 minutes those evenings.

Continued from Page 5 - General Assembly article

It was a privilege for us to get to know Kris better and to reach the conclusion that the women of Indiana did not make a mistake in choosing her as the leader of the state-wide CWF this year!

Finally, if you ever get the chance to attend such an Assembly, please do so. The experience will strengthen your faith and lift your spirit more than you could ever imagine!

C.W.F. (CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP) NEWS

December 4 and 18 - Women's Cell Group at Kathy Blocher's. We will begin a new study in January - Bible Study of Acts. On December 18 we will be making baskets to take to shut-ins. We will also be collecting the following items for Crossroad's Children's Home: felt, embroidery floss, cross stitch fabric, markers, paint brushes, skilletts - 9 and 12 inch, baking pans - 9x9, cookie sheets, sauce pans - small spatulas, and hair dryers.

On Saturday, December 9 there will be a holiday candy making class in our own church taught by Dorothy Overmyer. This class will meet from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Only cost involved will be for supplies used by class members. Contact Kris Ohneck with your reservation **now** at 447-2833 or the church office at 744-3239.

Sunday, December 10 will be the CWF Cookie Walk. Homemade cookies will be sold to raise money for Basic Mission Finance and other church projects. We have all the bakers.....now we need the buyers!!

Sunday, December 10 - BLANKET SUNDAY FOR OUTREACH OF CHURCH WORLD SERVICE. There will be a display in Fellowship Hall for your perusal. Send checks if unable to attend to church office made out to Church World Service. Envelope and information enclosed in this newsletter.

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S. Davis - J. Mey

D. Mey - J. Davis

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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Marty Bier

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:30 a.m. Hanging of the Greens

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

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8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Chi Rho & CYF

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:30 p.m. Administrative Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m. Women's Life Group at Kathy
Blocher's

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,
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9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

12:00 noon DMA Potluck & Christmas Party

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00 p.m. Capital Task Force Meeting

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 a.m. Holiday Candy Making Class

Birthdays - Dec. 3-9

Neva Mennewisch(5), Ethel Richhart(6),
Mildred Arruza(6), Phillip Bozarth(6), Sue
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Bowman(9)

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On either evening of:

December 15 & 16, 1995
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

From Here to Zehr

Following is the scripture I will use this week in my sermon.

Read it, meditate on it, write reflections about it, pray for understanding from the scripture. I hope you will use this scripture for your devotion time this week in preparation for Sunday.

SERMON: The Lion King!

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist, and faithfulness the girdle of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall feed; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious.

See you Sunday!

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. Also, if you haven't seen the "Lion King" movie, rent the video this week.

CHRISTMAS CARD GREETINGS

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Youth Sunday went great! Good job for all who participated!

Schedule for the coming weeks:

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December 17 - 5:00 p.m. Christmas Party and Caroling!

Bring a white elephant gift (this is something you already have at home and you want to get rid of). We will also go caroling and have hot chocolate!

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**HAVE YOU
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TO CHURCH
LATELY?**

JOYS
&
CONCERNS

Edna Nordblom is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center as is **Ardith Wrisk**.

Judy Mey will have surgery this week at Lutheran Hospital.

Our sympathy is extended to **Mark Snyder** and family in the recent death of his brother in North Manchester.

Take special note



There will be a **congregational meeting** on Sunday, December 17, 1995 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary to vote on the 1996 budget.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the prayers and thoughts, cards and calls at the time of my sister's illness and death. It helps to feel the love and care of our church friends.

Mary Wilhelm



POINSETTIAS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS

Through the efforts of Broadview Florist and a money making event of the ROTC at Concordia High School, the poinsettias will be made available to us for \$10.00 each. They will all be red in a 6 1/2" pot.

If you would like more poinsettias for your own giving, contact Kyle Kerley. He has coupons for \$11.00 each to be used at Broadview Florist at your discretion.

If you would like to give a poinsettia in memory of someone or in honor of someone, please state that below. If you choose to take your plant home, please do so after the service on December 24.

Place your check for \$10.00 - or for however many you want - in the offering plate or mail to the church office along with the order blank below. Orders will be accepted until December 15.

DONATED BY: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

I WILL PICK UP AFTER WORSHIP 12/24 _____

PLEASE GIVE TO A SHUT-IN _____



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 3, 1995

Mark Byrd, 315 E. Maple Grove Avenue 46806; Ruth Hackett, 5208 W. Hamilton Road, South 46804.

FOOD BANK NEEDS YOUR TENDER LOVING CARE!

HOLIDAY



We need your TLC in the form of money. The matching grant effort has been extended through December. The Associated Churches warehouse normally buys a semi-tractor load of food a month. There will be no buying in December; there isn't enough money and borrowing from other funds has been stretched to the limit. We will still have food to distribute, but we won't be able to provide a balanced diet. Some staple items such as beans and rice are gone from our shelves, and after visiting the warehouse last week, I know we

will be out of soap products and short on pastas soon.

If you haven't given to the matching grant effort please do so. If you have given, try to give a little more. The goal of the Associated Churches Food Bank System is that no one must go to bed hungry in Fort Wayne and Allen County. We are doing our best, but resources are being stretched to the breaking point. Last month we helped a record number of clients as did most banks in the system. To those who may be confused, our Food Bank is not associated with the Community Harvest Food Bank.

We also need your TLC once or twice a month to help serve our clients. We only ask for two hours of your time on Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning. We are getting to the point where we need four volunteers on a few days, but unless some of you help, we won't be able to schedule four.

Lastly, we need your plastic grocery bags. If you have been recycling them, give them to us. If we get too many, we will recycle them. We like to pack in boxes for our convenience, but clients who have to walk several blocks prefer plastic bags. We use plastic for food from our freezers to prevent condensation on other food.

Although we are always crying for help we do appreciate your efforts, and know that without you we could do nothing.

Have a safe and happy Christmas!

Wes Westerfield

FROM OUTREACH & SERVICE



The Angel Tree project is off to a great start. Fifteen of the 22 families were adopted the first week of the program. If you would like to adopt a family and don't want to wait until next Sunday, give me a call and I will sign you up. I wish you could see the faces of the ladies in the jail when they are talking about their kids. It is easy to pass judgment about these women and think they don't care about their children. I wish they made better choices in their life but what God calls us to do now is love them and help them help themselves. This small act of kindness with nothing to be

gained is almost beyond their understanding. They understand full-well those who want to help them for something in return but to be helped for no other reason than to be obedient to God. It makes them think. They think maybe God really can love them. Maybe they aren't as bad as they thought. Could anyone really care about them? Some of the children of these ladies are asking themselves the same question. God calls us to be a light to those in darkness. With your help we can shine our light on over 50 kids, 22 moms, and untold numbers of grandparents, aunts, and uncles. Tokheim gives each employee a gift certificate for a turkey each year and this year 22 of my co-workers are giving their certificates to the families we are adopting. This is a great time of year!

Charles Hatten



At Christmas, we again give thanks that the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.

Your gifts to the Christmas Special Day Offering for Basic Mission Finance give hope to others through hundreds of Disciples ministries in North America and in more than 85 countries throughout the world. Your gifts truly share the love and spirit of Christmas from our many individual doorsteps to

the "*ends of the earth*" (Acts 1:8).

The Christmas Special Day Offering will be received December 17 and 24. Give generously. Give hope!

C.W.F. NEWS

This Saturday, December 9 there will be a holiday candy making class in our town church taught by Dorothy Overmyer. This class will meet from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Only cost involved will be for supplies used by class members. Contact Kris Ohneck with your reservation now at 447-2833 or the church office at 744-3239.

This Sunday, December 10 will be the CWF Cookie Walk. Homemade cookies will be sold to raise money for Basic Mission Finance and other church projects. We have all the bakers.....now we need the buyers!!

This Sunday, December 10 - BLANKET SUNDAY FOR OUTREACH OF CHURCH WORLD SERVICE. There will be a display in Fellowship Hall for your perusal. Send checks if unable to attend to church office made out to Church World Service.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

EVENING SERVICES:

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C. Ewing, A. Moll, B. Smith,
K. Taylor**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, D. Graham, K. Graham**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, E. Vandergriff, K.
Place, J. McGrew**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

C. Falbe, McDougles

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

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10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

4:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Walk to Bethlehem

5:00 p.m. Chi Rho & CYF

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00 p.m. Men's Life Group at Dick Mey's

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 126:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,
1701 Fairfield Avenue

9:00 a.m. Rachel Circle

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Rebecca Circle

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:30 p.m. Walk to Bethlehem

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:30 p.m. Walk to Bethlehem

Birthdays - Dec. 10-16Bill Franklin(10), Sara Davis(12), Dan
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You're Invited to.....

A WALK TO BETHLEHEM

Come experience a Christmas Celebration as your family walks through outdoor scenes of the Nativity, complete with live animals and real characters.

By your friends at:

First Christian Church
4800 S. Calhoun Street
(Kitty-cornered to Southgate Plaza)
744-3239

On either evening of:

December 15 & 16, 1995
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

From Here to Zehr

In Jan. we will be starting some new small group experiences. I want to encourage you to begin praying about the possibility for you to join one of these groups.

Robert Wuthnow's research on small groups, reported in *I Came Away Stronger* (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1994) provides fresh insight into this increasingly prevalent church life phenomenon.

What is the value of small groups?

- They make faith available to everyone.
- They cost virtually nothing.
- They take people back to the basics of Christianity.
- The numerous types of small groups can meet a wide diversity of needs and interests.
- They extend the ministries of established congregations into crevices of society where clergy cannot go.
- They encourage greater individual responsibility for faith development.
- They give people opportunities to discover the meaning of biblical teachings.
- They help people put their faith into practice.
- They allow people to reinforce each other's belief that spiritual development leads to a better life.
- They provide a time for prayer.
- They create the opportunity for

people to learn how to pray.

- They provide a means by which group members can care for each other.
- The group prayer bonds people with each other and God in a deeper form of spirituality.

What are the limitations of small groups?

On balance, Wuthnow finds the influence of small groups far more positive than negative, but he notes a handful of limitations against which small group enthusiasts should guard themselves.

- Because they focus faith on individual needs, they can promote a "me-first religion."
- They can promote a me-first Bible study method that emphasizes personal needs, personal experience, and personal insight to the exclusion of more objective interpretations.
- The small, intimate settings create a situation in which people find it difficult to tell other people that they are wrong. Small groups can unintentionally promote an anything-goes form of spirituality.
- They can cultivate a cheap-grace spirituality in which members are not challenged to lead better lives or put their faith into practice.

Peace,
Jerry



Schedule for the coming weeks:

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Christmas Party and Caroling!

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**BRING YOUR ANGEL
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THAN THIS SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 17**

**JOYS
&
CONCERNS**

Edna Nordblom is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Ardith Wrisk is now at Courtland Health & Rehabilitation Center, 3555 Spy Run Extended, Room 308.

Judy Mey is home from Lutheran Hospital.

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Chancel Choir will have rehearsals the next two Saturdays (Dec. 16 & 23) at 1:00 p.m.



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- Jessie Fern Woodward - In memory of Grant Woodward, Linda Kirtley, daughter, and Jeanne Feltenberger, friend.
- Genevieve Ripple and Wanda Ingmire - In memory of Rolland Ripple and Carolyn Bernhard.
- Ruby Mowery - In memory of Arthur Mowery and Shannon Lutz.



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 10, 1995

Steve & Deb Thieme, 5706 Winter Street 46806; Barbara Dudding, 5653 S. Wayne 46807.

FOR THE FAMILY

The most important place for children to know God is in the home and in family life. Following is an idea for a family tradition that in a simple and celebrative way focuses us on the singular meaning of this most Holy holiday.

Are you looking for ways to bring the focus of Christmas back to Christ? Here is something our family has done.

One year when the children were small and we wanted them to remember the real meaning of Christmas we made a birthday cake complete with candles (not 2000 though!). We sang "Happy Birthday" to Jesus and shared our party with the grandparents.

For several years after that one of the kids always reminded me that we needed to make Jesus' birthday cake for Christmas Eve. Then when we returned from church we would celebrate with the cake before going to bed.

Anne Moll

CHRISTMAS CARD GREETINGS

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Thank you to Coleen Wilcoxson and Don Oden for making all the beautiful stars the congregation used in the Hanging of the Greens.

| | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Budget Needs</u> | <u>Actual Giving</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| This week(12-3) | 219 | \$3,971.00 | \$7,606.15 |
| Year-to-date | 194 | \$194,579.00 | \$179,956.00 |

FROM OUTREACH & SERVICE



"There are so many needs and appeals this time of year! Why give to Basic Mission Finance?"

It's Christmas and the appeals seem never-ending. Why should you consider giving to the Christmas Special Day Offering for Basic Mission Finance when there are so many needs here in our own local community?

In the Great Commission, Jesus commands us to *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded to you."* (Matthew 28:18,19)

In the book of Mark, the words of Jesus say, *"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."* (Mark 16:15)

Clearly, the gospel calls us to look beyond our own doorsteps to the needs of a wider world. While supporting our congregation and responding to the needs of our community are critically important, it is also important that we offer gifts to support the wider church and the many doorsteps where we minister as Disciples or with the ecumenical Christian community.

By giving through Basic Mission Finance, you are helping the church to be the church and to have a strong and united witness locally AND globally. And from the early days of Paul's missionary journeys described in the book of Acts, it has always been groups of Christians united in purpose who have nourished the spread of the gospel.

We live in a world that seems to experience more and more pain and darkness each day. Yet, the gospel of John reminds us, *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."* (John 1:5)

Your giving to the work of the wider church helps Disciples have a united presence amidst this hurting world and shed light and hope in the darkness. Give generously this Christmas season. Give hope!

The Christmas Special Day Offering will be received December 17 & 24.

C.W.F. NEWS

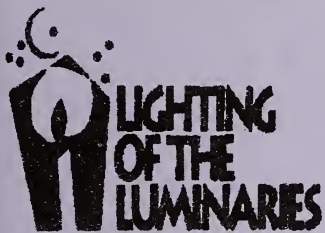
The cookie sale was a big success! Thanks to all who made cookies or bought cookies! We made \$156.00 for C.W.F.

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NOTICE..... A WALK TO BETHLEHEM

We are asking those people who are participating in this joyous celebration to meet at the church by 5:30 p.m. on the date you have been assigned. We will need all actors to be in their designated places before 6:30 p.m. on Friday, December 15 and/or Saturday, December 16.

Thank you again for your help in presenting this beautiful gift to the community. If you have any questions, please call the church at 744-3239.



We need help with the luminaries. We will need to prepare them Saturday, December 23, 9:30 a.m. Maybe an hour and a half depending on how many helping hands we have.

Then we need volunteers to help place them outdoors and light them. That should be started about 6:00 p.m. on December 24.

Probably the largest help will be needed in putting them away after the 11:00 p.m. service!

Fill in the blank below and put in the offering plate or turn in to the office.

Yes, I'd like to help with the luminaries.

_____ Preparation, Saturday, December 23, 9:30 a.m.

_____ Lighting, Sunday, December 24, 6:00 p.m.

_____ Extinguishing, Sunday, December 24, 12:00 p.m.

SERVING DECEMBER 17**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Bill Crouse & John Ohneck**10:4 a.m.** Charles Hatten & Dick Mey**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** M. Arnold, J. Arnold, D. Keebortz,
T. Knuckles**10:45 a.m.** K. Bushey, D. Heimann, L.
Heimann, L. McFarland, M. McFarland,
J. Mounsey, E. Rieke, E. Yeoman**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, C. Byrket, J. Young**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, B. Stover, K.
Howard, R. Wise**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS**8:15 a.m.** Bob Bier**CHURCH CALENDAR****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

6:30 p.m. Walk to Bethlehem

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Chi Rho & CYF

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:00 p.m. Men's Life Group at Dick Mey's

7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 196:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,
1701 Fairfield Avenue

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Worship & Outreach Ministry
Team**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Birthdays - Dec. 17-23Bob Smith(17), Graham Baughman(17),
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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

MORNING: One Service - 9:00 a.m.

We will sing carols, have special music and Rev. Zehr will give us a special Christmas message.

EVENING:

7:00 p.m. - Family Service

We will sing carols, light candles and have a special message for all the children.

11:00 p.m. - Candlelighting & Communion

This will be a beautiful service with bells and choir, singing, candles and Holy Communion.

LIGHTING OF THE LUMINARIES

We hope to have over 100 beautiful luminaries lighting your way to the church Christmas Eve evening.

We need people to come and prepare the luminaries Saturday, December 23, at 9:30 and lighting of the luminaries December 24 at 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

From Here to Zehr

It is Monday morning, December 18, we have just finished our staff meeting and a pizza delivery man comes to the door of the church. "I have a delivery for a Rev. Jerry Zehr." "Who sent it?", I asked. There was no name, just a short message on a Christmas Card, "May you savor this pizza with joy as you forget your diet for this season!"

I think the note was in reference to my sermon last Sunday on "JOY."

Whoever sent the pizza, thank you - thank you!! It is also wonderful to know people are really listening to my sermons!!

May you all receive a joyful Christmas this next week. I know I already have.

Peace,
Jerry



HOW GREAT OUR JOY!

Last weekend we created an experience of the drama of Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus.

Truly it was a gift - to 700 people who walked to Bethlehem, and to the 100 people who made it happen.

It takes a lot of work to make the experience as rich and full as it was.

Some brought baskets - Some took roles - Some built scenery - Some cared for animals - Some organized - Some cleaned up - Some made costumes - Some served drinks - Some rang bells - -Some led worship - Some guided visitors - and on and on and on.

Those who participated felt the wonder and the joy of being a messenger of the meaning of Christmas.

It truly was a new birth among us of living out our call as a church and opening ourselves to reaching people with the good news.

Thank you to all who made it happen.

It must have been a glimpse for us of the kind of joy God experienced in creating the world.

How great our joy!

Diane Zehr



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Here's the recipe for the great tasting cheese spread that Becca Widmer fixed last Sunday for coffee hour:

- 2-8 oz. bricks cream cheese
 - 1 jar Old English cheese spread
 - 1 jar Roka cheese spread
 - 2 tbs. grated fresh onion
 - 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
 - 1 tbs. lemon juice
- Mix well.

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Edna Nordblom is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Margaret Snouffer is home from Parkview Hospital.

Our prayers are with **Nancy Harman** and her family in the recent death of her husband, Bruce Harman.

Take special note



Chancel Choir will have rehearsal this coming Saturday, December 23 at 1:00 p.m.



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 17, 1995

Linda, Christi & Tammy Deck, 822 Rockhill 46802; **Mindy Deck**, 202 Corwin Lane 46816. **Marilyn & Gary Campbell**.

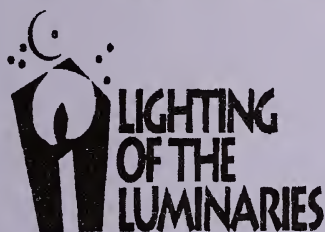


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- Genevieve Ripple and Wanda Ingmire - In memory of Rolland Ripple and Carolyn Bernhard.
- Ruby Mowery, Mr. & Mrs. Allen Creager and Family, and Andrew Lutz - In memory of Arthur Mowery and Shannon Lutz.
- Rev. & Mrs. Don H. Eskew - In honor of Rev. Jerry Zehr and Rev. Diane Zehr.

CHRISTMAS CARD GREETINGS TO THE CONGREGATION

John & Brenda Kelly; Bob & Bev Hendricks; Charline Craig; Harold & Ruby Cline; Evelyn Yeoman; Roger, Anne, Andy, Dan, Katie Moll; Jeannie & Nakia Royal; The Woodwards; Janet & John Kratzat & Family; Mildred Linn; Gladys Hoop; Don & Sarah Smith; George Cole; Mary Wilhelm; Glenn & Lola Miller; Jerry & Sandy Zimmerman; Ray, Linda, & Alisha Stover; John & Kris Ohneck.



We need help with the luminaries. We will need to prepare them Saturday, December 23, 9:30 a.m. Maybe an hour and a half depending on how many helping hands we have.

Then we need volunteers to help place them outdoors and light them. That should be started about 6:00 p.m. on December 24.

Probably the largest help will be needed in putting them away after the 11:00 p.m. service!

Fill in the blank below and put in the offering plate or turn in to the office.

Yes, I'd like to help with the luminaries.

_____ Preparation, Saturday, December 23, 9:30 a.m.

_____ Lighting, Sunday, December 24, 6:00 p.m.

_____ Extinguishing, Sunday, December 24, 12:00 p.m.

Name _____

| | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Budget Needs</u> | <u>Actual Giving</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| This week(12-10) | 165 | \$3,971.00 | \$2,261.17 |
| Year-to-date | 193 | \$198,550.00 | \$182,217.17 |



FROM THE FOOD BANK

Thank you all who have supported the food bank this year with your donations of food and money. Without your help life would have been bleaker for a number of families. Over ninety percent of our client families live in extreme poverty according to federal government standards.

In an editorial a few weeks ago, Larry Hayes of the Journal Gazette, made this observation. When Christ said, "The poor will be with you always", he didn't mean that since we would always have the poor we should say that's just a fact of life and ignore them. Rather he was saying that as Christians we have the responsibility of helping the unfortunate poor to achieve a better life. The poor have many problems which we can't solve, but helping to keep food on the table is something we can do. No matter why the adults are poor the children are not at fault, and deserve our help. We answer appeals to help children around the world and we respond, can we do less for the children of our city?

I can't imagine putting a sign on the food bank door which says, "CLOSED DUE TO THE LACK OF FOOD, COME BACK ANOTHER DAY." Last week in a letter to the food banks Associated Churches suggested that the food banks take a two week break until the first of the year since there was so little food in the warehouse.

The food donation from Meijer's gave the banks a chance to stay open, but with less than the balanced meals that we strive for. First Christian can remain open because of the help we receive from you and the other neighborhood churches.

You have a little more than a week to dig a little deeper if you have already donated money for the matching grant, or you can write a tax deductible check for the first time. Either way, we need your help! Of course, we need you to continue your food donations also.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and prosperous New Year.

Wes Westerfield

SERVING DECEMBER 31

ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Charles Ludwig & Lauren Ewing

10:4 a.m. Dick Vanderwall & Don Oden

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. M. Arnold, J. Arnold, T. Knuckles,
J. Young

10:45 a.m. S. Brickley, C. Falbe, A. Moll,
M. Quick, J. Quick, K. Taylor

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, C. Byrket, J. Young

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, W. Bowen, S. Brey,
C. Falbe

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Vandergriff's

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Office Closed - Happy New Year!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,
1701 Fairfield Avenue

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

D.M.A. - SPECTACULAR "INDIANA AMISH QUILT" TOUR!!

WHERE: Ft. Wayne Museum of Art,
Tour guide - Charles McGrew.

WHAT: The fabulous INDIANA
AMISH QUILT exhibit!

WHEN: January 9, 1996 - NOON-
ISH* (see details below). This is the sec-
ond Tuesday in January to permit all Holi-
day travelers to return.

COST: \$3.00 per person. Free parking
in lot at rear of Museum.

***DETAILS:** This is a brown bag lunch
(coffee and sweets are provided free).
Those bringing lunch, please arrive by
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Those eating else-
where, be at the Museum no later than 12:30
p.m. as the tour starts promptly at that hour.
This is a **DON'T MISS** exhibit!

SERVING DECEMBER 24
ONE SERVICE - 9:00 A.M.
ELDERS

9:00 a.m.

DIACONATE & GREETERS

9:00 a.m. J. Davis, M. McDougale, O.
 McDougale, J. McGrew, M. Mullen,
 E. Place, K. Place

USHERS

9:00 a.m. C. McGrew, E. Gorman, B.
 Bond, H. Banet

COMMUNION PREPARATION

C. Ewing, Heimann's

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Don & Sue Oden

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

9:00 a.m. Tim Knuckles

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 a.m. One Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Family Service

11:00 p.m. Candlelighting & Communion
 Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Office Closed - Merry Christmas!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Office Closed

Birthdays

Dec.24-Jan. 6

Bill Crouse(24), Michael
 O'Laughlin(24), Brent Jarrett(24), Elizabeth
 Dull(26), Carolyn Falbe(26), Marsha
 Busse(27), Sarah Smith(28), Paul
 Fisher(28), John Mathis(28), Lucille
 Branstrator(29), Todd McBride(31), Saleum
 Phomsoupha(1), Holly Falbe(1), Linda
 Hayes(2), Carole Davis(2), Ken Nunn(2),
 Florence Farr(3), Fran Beckwith(3), Velma
 Hechler(4), Ardith Wrisk(4), Tameka
 Anderson(5), Tracy Critell(5), Eva
 Rousseau(6), Suzanne Murray(6), Sara
 Mullen(6)

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